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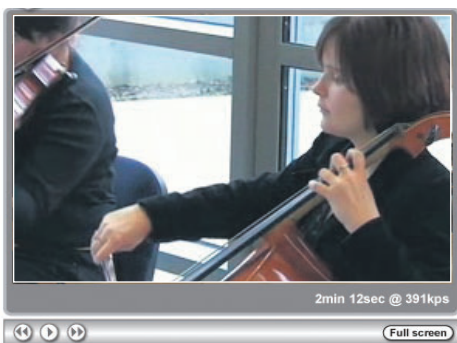
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BUST-UP IN THE BIG APPLE

Former Yourshepway photographer Jae Donnelly was left shaken after a run-in with Coldplay frontman Chris Martin after he tried to photograph him leaving a New York hospital.

EXCLUSIVE

BY NICK AMES

FORMER Yourshepway photographer Jae Donnelly was left reeling on the ground after an attack by Coldplay frontman Chris Martin that the snapper later branded "despicable".

Speaking exclusively to Yourshepway, Jae said the pop star – famous for his pacifist and ecological views – totally "lost the plot" and left him in fear of being run down and killed as he was left lying on a New York street.

Footage of the fight – which took place outside the city's Mount Sinai Medical Center – has been shown on prime-time US TV and is all over the internet.

It shows the top British paparazzi hurled to the floor by the singer, who then makes off with his camera.

Martin is then jumped from behind as Jae – who worked freelance for Yourshepway prior to his departure for New York late last year – attempts to get his equipment back.

Jae, from Sandgate, left the UK to work for a celebrity agency in the Big Apple and has been photographing stars such as Eva Mendez, Tom Cruise, Julia Roberts and Keira Knightly.

"But this is the first time anything like this has happened," said Jae. "It was really crazy."

The Coldplay singer – who had accompanied wife Gwyneth Paltrow to the hospital – lost his temper when Jae said "Are congratulations in order, Chris?" as he walked out of the hospital.

Martin, who was wearing a black bomber jacket with the hood up, yelled "Have some ***** respect!" before grabbing hold of the photographer.

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Council tax to rise as government cuts grants

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

COUNCIL TAX is to rise by at least 3.9 per cent across the county, pushing the bill for band D properties over the £1,000 mark.

The rise works out at £37.62 a year for people in band D properties (generally regarded as the 'average' figure), taking the figure to £1,001.79.

Shepway District Council, which collects council tax in Shepway on behalf of KCC, has yet to set its budget for 2008 – though levels are expected to remain in line with the rest of the county.

Announcing the budget on Monday, county council leader Paul Carter would not rule out having to raise tax further if the county is unsuccessful in its bid to get the Government to repay around £10 million it has spent accommodating underage asylum seekers.

Councillors are meeting with ministers in February to discuss the issue.

Cllr Carter claimed the council had to find an additional £61m just to meet the demands for its services, only £9m of which is to come from central Government.

Savings

He said that efficiency savings, including staff cuts, and new income would save the council around £27m.

Mr Carter said: "We have an excellent track record of delivering savings, well in excess of the



INCREASE: Cllr Paul Carter has announced a rise in council tax in the next financial year

Government's targets, while protecting front-line services.

"It is becoming harder every year to find savings to bridge the gap between what we need to deliver services and the grant we get from Government.

"The balance has to come through the increase in council tax."

The budget includes an extra £5m to improve roads and pavements, protects services for children, vulnerable and older people, and extends the Freedom Pass scheme to all secondary school age children.



DOWN: Jae Donnelly is on the floor after his New York confrontation with Chris Martin

Photo man Jae takes a tumble in spat with Chris Martin

FROM FRONT PAGE

After pushing him to the ground, Martin started to get into his black four-wheel drive car with the camera when Jae stood up and exclaimed "What are you doing?", before tackling Martin from behind in retaliation.

Jae explained: "We were outside the hospital on 98th [Street] and Madison [Avenue] when Gwyneth came out. We'd had an exclusive tip that she was there.

"I saw Chris come out and asked him if congratulations were in order, but then he put his hand up and got closer to me.

Smashing

"I sensed a problem just before he threw me to the ground, smashing my equipment.

"He then stole a camera out of my hand and ran off. It was then that I grabbed him to try and get my camera back, which I did, but it was damaged.

"He had totally lost the plot and I was just fearful. If there had been a car coming down that New York street I'd have been run over.

"Chris Martin behaved despicably for a pop icon and he needs to show a little more restraint

"It's been suggested he was trying to protect his wife – but she seemed fine and walked calmly to her car.

"It is very well known that they do not like the media – maybe he was stunned to find photographers outside the hospital."

Miscarriage

Paltrow, 35, was taken to hospital on Monday, but her publicist would not reveal the reasons behind the emergency dash, although it has since been reported in New York newspapers that she had suffered a miscarriage.

Martin was arrested in Australia in 2003 after allegedly attacking the car of a photographer who pictured him while surfing on Seven Mile Beach.



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Lorry park plans to hit the accelerator

Transport minister hears about ideas to stop the stack

■ BY NICK AMES

PLANS for a massive lorry park to end the chaos caused by Operation Stack got a boost as council bosses from Kent met up with Central Government to push plans forward to ease traffic misery for local motorists.

Kent County Council is going ahead with plans to ease congestion caused by static parked lorries when ferry and rail services across the channel are hit by bad weather or industrial action by the French.

At present the M20 is converted into a giant heavy goods vehicle holding pen in such situations, forcing motorists to use alternative routes.

This causes long delays as vehicles back up along the A20, effectively blocks access to Dover town centre and forces some smaller towns such as Hythe into gridlock.

The council recently shared its plans for a lorry park site close to the M20 with transport minister Tom Harris at a meeting in London



STACKED: Parked lorries on the M20 have become an all too familiar sight, but there is hope for change

attended by KCC Leader Paul Carter, cabinet member for highways Keith Ferrin and highway director Geoff Harrison-Mee.

KCC wants the costs of the £35million scheme to be met by introducing a so-called "Brit disc" charge levied on all cross-Channel lorry movements, but final arrangements for funding have yet to be agreed.

Keith Ferrin said: "The meeting with Tom Harris went very well and he was very helpful. We told him we are in a position where we have

a degree of consensus and how we want to make a planning application in the near future.

"The lorry park will provide huge relief for people in east Kent. We have lobbied for some time and at last it looks as if we can go forward. "Kent residents have suffered for too long from the impact of Operation Stack. It's time we gave them some good news."

The lorry park could be open in 18 months to two-and-a-half years but it is dependent on progress with the planning application.

New equipment for kids cricket

FOLKESTONE Cricket Club has been given two coaching packs to help new players improve their game.

The packs, which cost £325 and contain equipment to help children learn to play cricket, such as bats and rubber balls, were donated by Folkestone Town Council to help improve the fitness of the town's children.

Wallace Laker, a coach at club, said: "It's great to have new equipment as my own is worn and of limited range."

James Treadwell, member of the England one-day squad and former Folkestone Cricket Club player, said the packs would help ensure the success of future generations of cricketers from Folkestone: "Through the years Folkestone Cricket Club has helped children improve their skills and fitness in cricket."

"I'm sure these coaching packs will provide the equipment need to continue doing this for the years to come."

The mayor, Cllr Peter Gane, said the council was keen to support more sporting activities in Folkestone.

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David Griffiths talks about the Safer Winter campaign

Toddler Paige is laid to rest

THE FUNERAL of Paige Brown, the four-year-old who accidentally hung herself on New Year's Day, was held in Hawkinge on Friday, January 18.

A horse-drawn hearse transported Paige's coffin from the family home in Blenheim Drive to St Luke's Church in Canterbury Road.

Her parents Lorraine Ford and Phil Brown led the mourners, who consisted of friends, family and villagers from Hawkinge.

A trust fund will be set up in Paige's memory; the money raised will be donated to the Kent Air Ambulance Trust.

Paramedics attempted to save Paige's life after her hair band became tangled in a hammock in her room on New Year's Day.

Missing teen is found safe

POLICE searching for a missing 15-year-old girl from Lydd say she has been found safe and well.

Rachael Booker-Pook was found in Sittingbourne after she made contact by phone today (Tuesday).

Rachel had last been seen in Canterbury High Street on Saturday, January 12, at 4pm.

She had been missing for 10 days.

Share your Air Ambulance story to help raise vital funds for service

KENT Air Ambulance service is seeking help in keeping airborne from former patients.

The Air Ambulance needs around £3 million a year to keep flying.

The Air Ambulance service is asking former patients to get in touch so that their stories can be published on the Air Ambulance website to raise awareness of the life saving work that the service does.

Due to patient confidentiality the service does not know the identities of the people whose lives it saves, so it is encouraging people to get in touch so their stories can be published.

A spokesman said that former patients could remain anonymous if they wanted.

"We would like to talk to as many people as possible," said the spokesman. "We rely solely on volun-

■ BY MARIJKE COX

tary donations to survive, and therefore personal stories are a great way for us to promote the valuable and vital work we carry out.

The Kent Air Ambulance service is based at Marden, near Tonbridge, and can reach any part of Kent in 15 minutes, greatly increasing the chances of survival.

It was set up in 1989 and does not receive funding from Government, the NHS or the Lotto.

The Air Ambulance was used to try and save the life of four-year-old Paige Brown in Hawkinge on New Year's Day.

For more information about the Air Ambulance, or to make a donation, see www.kentairambulance.co.uk.

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Hoodie snatches OAP's handbag

POLICE are hunting a thief who snatched a handbag from the shoulder of a pensioner as she walked to church.

The 79-year-old woman was walking to St Nicholas Church in Church Road, in New Romney, on Sunday, January 13, at about 10am when a figure with a grey hooded top rode a bike past her and snatched the handbag from her shoulder.

The woman was shocked but unhurt in the theft, which police believe may have been committed by the same individual who stole two handbags on Wednesday, January 2.

In the first incident a woman had her handbag snatched in New Romney High Street, while in the second a woman had her bag taken in Churchlands.

All three women were wearing their handbags over their shoulders and police are advising women to carry their bags under their arms.

Witnesses can phone police on 01303 289180 or Crimestoppers (0800 555111).

Cash boost for children's charity

A CHARITABLE group that provides therapeutic counselling to children and young people in Shepway has had a cash boost from the Kent Police Property Fund.

The Church Street Project at St Eanswythe's School in Church Street, Folkestone, was set up to offer a unique service in the district using art, drama and play therapy alongside conventional counselling techniques.

The project was presented with a £400 cheque from the fund, which is raised from the sale at auction of unclaimed lost property and items seized in police operations.

For more information on the Church Street Project, you can phone 01303 255516.

Opposition to airport plans gaining energy

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

BRITISH ENERGY is continuing to oppose the expansion of Lydd airport, saying that it would prove an unacceptable risk to Dungeness nuclear power station.

The company had lodged a holding objection with Shepway District Council in March last year in response to the proposals by airport owner London Ashford Airport to expand the runway and terminal to allow three million passengers to use it a year.

This, however, has been upped to an official objection.

Dungeness is one of four sites being considered for the next generation of nuclear power stations, and a British Energy spokesman said: "British Energy's Dungeness site is very important to the country today and into the next century.

"We believe nuclear makes an important contribution to both the security of supply and, as a low-carbon technology, helping the UK to combat climate change.

"Dungeness currently provides 30 per cent of

the electricity needed to serve the south-east of England, and the site has potential for possible new nuclear build in the future."

British Energy and site manager Magnox South had carried out an assessment of the risk of aircraft hazards to Dungeness power station, said the spokesman.

The assessment found that the risk to the nuclear plant from the airport in its current state was low, but the expansion of the airport would raise the risk of planes crashing into it to unacceptable levels.

"We need to guard against any issue, real or perceived, that might compromise its value," said the spokesman.

"After careful consideration we have decided to maintain our objection to the expansion of Lydd airport on the grounds that it may affect the site's potential for new nuclear build."

Meanwhile, the Lydd Airport Action Group has commissioned a study by consulting engineering group Large and Associates into the risk from the expanded airport.

The study appears to show that the increase in passenger numbers at Lydd would raise the chances of a commercial aircraft crashing into Dungeness power station above the acceptable risk guideline imposed by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate.

Large and Associates estimates that with two million passengers a year passing through Lydd, the chances of a plane crashing into Dungeness would be almost 25 per cent higher than the NII's guidelines of a one-in-10,000,000 chance to one in 409,691.

• MEANWHILE, more than 10,000 people have signed a petition protesting against the Lydd airport plans.

The petition, which was organised by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, states that expansion of the airport would constitute an act of environmental vandalism.

RSPB regional director Chris Corrigan said that the petition showed the level of public opposition to the planned expansion of the airport.

"We have received enormous support for our opposition to the expansion plans that the airport has put forward," said Mr Corrigan.

"This support has come from local people and visitors to the area alike."



SUITS YOU

A range of suits for just £15 proved a hit with shoppers at Folkestone's new Asda store in Bouverie Place.

Exhibited on mannequins among the trolleys and magazines, they were selling fast all weekend and towards the end of last week.

Lorraine Martin, clothing manager at the shop, said they were aimed principally at people buying their first suit.

"It could be someone going to sixth-form college, a first interview or even a first job," she said. Of course anyone can buy them - but they are really there for people to get on the 'suit-ladder' as it were."

Stocks of the suits were placed at three points within the store.

As well as two locations in the clothing department, they were also just inside the main entrance next to the shopping trolleys.

"We wanted as prominent a location as possible so that they were brought immediately to the attention of shoppers," said Lorraine.

"It obviously worked because they flew off the racks."

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DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME: Dan the Demon Dwarf performs his party piece with a vacuum in The Circus of Horrors

Circus life sucks, says dwarf Dan

AN EXTRAVAGANZA of freaks is coming to Folkestone's Leas Cliff Hall.

And the bizarre activities of The Circus of Horrors show, which tells the tale of a young girl who runs away to join the circus only to find that it is run by a vampire, have landed the oddball bunch in some highly unpleasant predicaments.

Captain Dan the Demon Dwarf, for example, has plenty to thank Big Brother Hijack contestant Emilia Arata for after she saved him from horrific injury during a particularly sticky situation.

Emilia is a former Circus of Horrors performer, and while the show was wowing audiences at the 2007 Edinburgh Festival with bloody schlock horror and body contortion, backstage a different kind of horror show was narrowly avoided by Emilia's quick thinking.

Suction

Part of Captain Dan's act involves whirling a vacuum cleaner around the stage using nothing but the suction of the cleaning device on his private parts, under the guidance of ringmaster Doktor Haze.

Captain Dan recalled: "I noticed the suction on the vacuum was not as it should be – on closer inspection I noticed a crack at the end of the tube, so the next day I decided to glue it."

Unfortunately, the pint-sized performer had mislaid both the packaging for the glue and his glasses, so when he came to test the vacuum cleaner's suction capabilities he underestimated the drying time of the glue – he thought he had to leave it for 20 seconds when he actually had to leave it for 20 minutes.

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

Captain Dan quickly realised that the vacuum cleaner was firmly stuck to his most delicate spot.

"I was in a real panic when Emilia came round the corner," he said.

"She was a real godsend – she got straight on the phone to let Doktor Haze know and then accompanied me to the hospital."

Luckily, the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary hospital was able to release Captain Dan from his predicament without the loss of any body parts.

Captain Dan is not the only Circus of Horrors performer to have had a narrow escape.

Hannibal Helmeto, whose act includes dangling from meat hooks inserted into his back and putting knitting needles through his cheeks and blowing water through the hole, almost died after his debut at Croydon's Fairfield Halls last year.

Before the show, Hannibal had set a Guinness world record by pulling a four-tonne truck 100 metres with meat hooks rammed through his back.

However, when he attempted to swallow a 4ft sabre, a larynx infection meant his sphincter did not open correctly and he skewered his respiratory tract.

He was taken to St George's Hospital in Tooting, where it was decided to leave the throat to repair itself during his three-week stay in intensive care.

• The Circus of Horrors will be at the Leas Cliff Hall on Sunday, March 8. Phone the box office on 08448 471776 or go to www.leascliffhall.co.uk.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Fake police officers prey on the elderly

CONMEN are targeting elderly residents living in sheltered accommodation.

Police are looking for two men who gained entrance to an 83-year-old woman's flat at Hanover Court in Whitegates Close, Hythe, just before 5pm on Friday, January 11.

They claimed to be police officers and told the woman that some money had been found and that they needed to know where she kept her cash.

When the woman said she did not keep money in her flat, the men left.

The first man is white, in his early 30s with a slim build, 5ft 9in tall with short dark hair.

The second man is younger than the first, white and with a chubbier build.

In another incident an hour later an 86-year-old partially sighted man was tricked into letting two men into his flat at John Bowley House in Cheriton Road, Folkestone.

The two men claimed that a neighbour had a burst pipe and they needed to turn off the man's water.

When the two men left, the resident discovered that about £1,000 cash had been taken.

Phone Det Con Nick Houghton 01303 850055 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

A trip through the ages at new series of exhibitions

ARCHAEOLOGICAL treasures will be available to the district's children this year thanks to a new service introduced by Canterbury Archaeological Trust.

Three hundred boxes of artefacts, replicas, models and ephemera ranging from prehistoric tools to World War Two gas masks and ration books will be available on loan to all Kent County Council, Medway council and independent infant, junior and secondary schools across the county; almost 800 in total.

For more information, call 01227 462062, or email mariongreen@canterburytrust.co.uk.

You can see a full catalogue and photographs of selected items on www.canterburytrust.co.uk/schools/catboxpg.htm.

Cinema group ready for a bit of spring screening

FOLKESTONE Classic Film Club has announced its programme of films for the spring.

The FCFC, which meets at the Silver Screen Cinema in Guildhall Street, has assembled a variety of films from around the world to show in 2008.

The programme includes Kenneth Branagh's new version of *As You Like It*, which is set in 19th-century Japan, and the classic 1939 Greta Garbo film *Ninotchka*.

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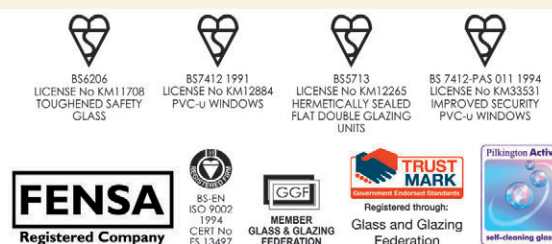


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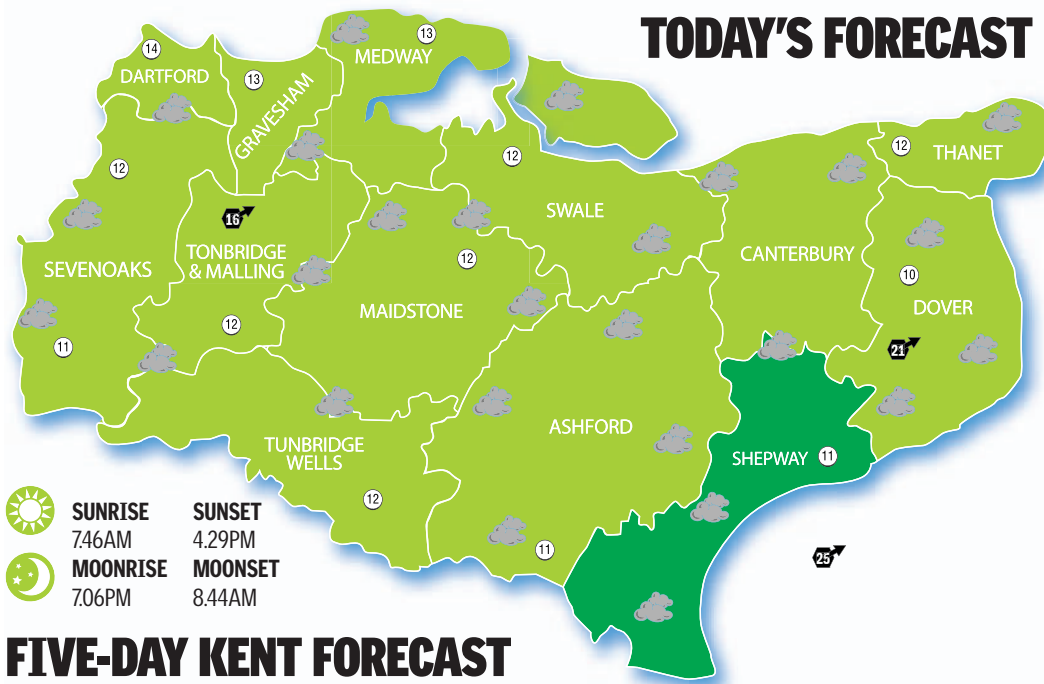


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Chatham	Saturday	2:03pm	6.1m
	Sunday	2:44pm	6.1m
Dover	Saturday	12:17pm	6.5m
	Sunday	12:55pm	6.5m
Dungeness	Saturday	12:11pm	7.5m
	Sunday	12:52pm	7.4m
Ramsgate	Saturday	12:47pm	5.0m
	Sunday	1:25pm	4.9m
Sheerness	Saturday	1:53pm	5.8m
	Sunday	2:34pm	5.8m
Whitstable	Saturday	2:11pm	5.3m
	Sunday	2:52pm	5.3m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	11°C	Madrid	12°C
Athens	14°C	New York	-4°C
Barcelona	13°C	Paris	11°C
Beijing	-4°C	Rome	10°C
Bombay	28°C	Sydney	22°C
Cape Town	26°C	Tenerife	23°C
Cardiff	10°C	Tokyo	5°C
Gibraltar	16°C	Vancouver	6°C
Hong Kong	19°C	Warsaw	8°C
Las Palmas	21°C	Wellington	22°C

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	11°C	12°C	13°C	11°C	8°C	Gravesend	12°C	12°C	11°C	12°C	11°C
Canterbury	11°C	12°C	10°C	11°C	11°C	Maidstone	12°C	11°C	11°C	12°C	11°C
Chatham	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C	Ramsgate	11°C	12°C	10°C	11°C	11°C
Dartford	12°C	12°C	11°C	12°C	11°C	Rochester	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C
Dover	10°C	10°C	10°C	10°C	9°C	Sevenoaks	10°C	10°C	10°C	10°C	10°C
Faversham	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C	Sittingbourne	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C
Folkestone	10°C	10°C	10°C	10°C	9°C	Tonbridge	11°C	10°C	12°C	11°C	10°C
Gillingham	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C	Tun Wells	11°C	10°C	12°C	11°C	10°C

PCSO's talk to playgroup

A POLICE Community Support Officer has visited a playgroup that had been vandalised last summer to see how it has recovered.

PCSO Keith Sansum also visited the Morehill pre-school playgroup, near Cheriton, to give a talk to the children about how to stay safe and what to do if they get lost.

PCSO Sansum was shown how the school has replaced the floor and the equipment that was damaged in the attack last August.

Five youths aged between 10 and 14 were arrested and issued with a final warning for the damage, which saw 12 windows smashed and paint thrown over the classrooms.

Have your say on Trisha

FANS of hit TV show Trisha from Folkestone have the chance to be part of the studio audience.

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The recording is on Thursday, January 31, and the free tickets will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Call 01622 681 4777.

Allotment sheds burgled

POLICE are investigating a series of shed break-ins at the Easton Fields allotments on Castle Street, Hythe.

The break-ins are thought to have happened early on Saturday morning, but it is not yet known if anything was stolen.

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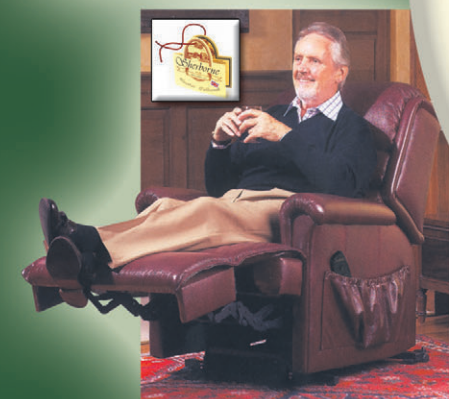
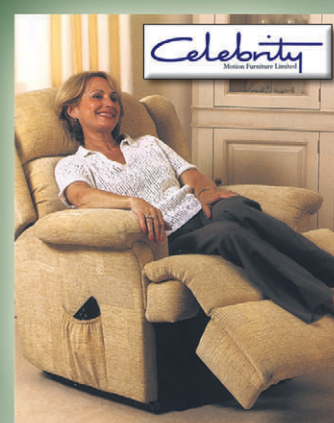
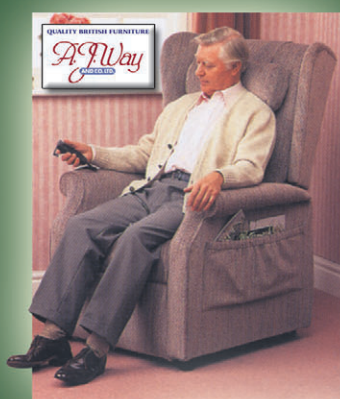
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QUESTION & ANSWER

DOMINIC KING



Q Give us a brief rundown of a typical day for Dominic King...

A Is there ever such a thing as a typical day? But I must admit I am a creature of habit, so when I arrive at the BBC's studios in Tunbridge Wells I go and get myself a cup of BBC tea (then I remember it's awful and nip out to buy one with a real teabag in).

I check my emails and then look at what's happening in Kent and around the world, using the BBC's news resources. I might start off interviewing guests who will feature in the programme and clicking onto websites to see what people are talking about.

The best bit is seeing what music I'm going to play and I start to sort through my post to see what new releases I've been sent, or ideas someone has suggested for the programme.

Like most jobs, I grab some lunch, usually 'al desko', curse the printer for running out of paper and then look forward to doing the show and heading home.

Q How much daily preparation goes into a radio show?

A It varies, but for a three-hour radio programme, you can expect to add about five hours of preparation, organising guests and visiting locations across the county recording interviews. And you know what Kent's roads can be like, which is why my day is eight hours long and not three.

It's also one of those jobs where ideas pop up while you're out and about or on a day off, especially at weekends.

So I'll often send an email to myself from home to work, so I don't forget.

Q What is your passion in life?

A I love music and films, but a passion for me is the countryside.

A good walk is something I really enjoy. You'll often find me wandering around Bedgebury Forest near Goudhurst, walking near Dungeness, or along Dover's promenade.

Q What is your worst habit?

A One bad habit is watching all the new movies before my wife Amanda gets to see them, so she says "Do you fancy seeing this one?" and I annoyingly reply "I've seen it".

I recently watched five films on a plane back from Washington and as they are now being shown on Satellite TV I'm again saying "I've seen that one".

Q If your house was on fire, what would be the first material object you'd rescue (and why)?

A I would probably rescue my external hard drive – it's got family photos on and my favourite interviews I have done over the years.

Q Away from Radio Kent, what are your hobbies and interests?

A Along with film and music, I like fishing from time to time, too. But I only occasionally catch anything.

Q Do you have any favourite films, TV shows or books?

A I love The Shawshank Redemption, starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. It is an amazing film about life in an American prison.

On the film's 10th anniversary I was lucky enough to speak to the director Frank Darabont, which was a real honour.

I have a signed publicity poster by him which is one of my prized possessions that would be the next item I'd save from a fire.

I was also a big fan of West Wing, and I loved 24. Not the BBC news channel, but the US drama starring Keifer Sutherland, and I currently like Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip and the BBC's The Tudors.

Q What is your favourite area of Kent?

A East Kent is my favourite place, because that is really home. I was born in Dover and lived in Folkestone while growing up. The Romney Marsh is a place I enjoy walking around – I love the Royal Military Canal and Dungeness is wonderful.

Q Do you see yourself ever calling anywhere other than Kent home?

A No, never. I am certain about that and although I have worked in London, Kent is home. Why move to another county when you have this one, the best county in Britain?

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QA

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Roger de Haan was among those attending the opening of Folkestone University this month by Michael Howard

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Picture GARETH ARNOLD

New recruit Julie continuing to keep Kent in the picture

BY GARETH ARNOLD

SHE is known to much of the county through her BBC radio programmes and as Invicta FM's inimitable eye in the sky – and now Julie Maddocks has joined KOS Media to continue bringing you the Kent stories that matter.

As the new face of KOS Media, Julie will be out and about with a camera crew, working across our titles and providing content for our growing websites. And you can see for yourself what she's been up to on our free broadband site www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Yet despite being at the centre of the county's media for more than a decade, Julie says she never intended to go into broadcasting.

Having begun as a secretary in the sales department at the fledgling Invicta Radio in 1985, Julie had done a few voiceovers, but nothing could prepare her for the job she was offered out of the blue one day.

She said: "Invicta had this idea for the 'eye in the sky', but had no one to present it. I didn't want to do the role; I didn't know anything about the county's roads. I didn't even know how to get to Headcorn airfield.

"It was an almighty fluke that I became a broadcaster. I was just in the right place at the right time."



But soon thousands of drivers relied on Invicta's groundbreaking eye in the sky – a Cessna light aircraft nicknamed 'Jambuster Jerry' – to provide the latest updates on their daily commute.

But despite her popularity, Julie didn't endear herself to everybody on the county's roads.

Freelanced

She said: "When they were expanding the A249, near Detling, into a dual carriageway, it seemed to be taking ages. It became a bit of a running joke – we'd fly over every morning and say 'the A249 looks exactly the same'.

"Apparently some of the builders got so annoyed about it they spent the morning spelling out 'Up yours Julie' in cones. You could only read it from the air. Think how much they could have got done in that time."

After literally earning her wings –

PASTURES NEW:

Former BBC Radio Kent presenter Julie Maddocks has joined KOS Media and will be out and about with a camera crew to provide content for our ever-growing Yourkenttv.co.uk website (left)

Julie qualified as a pilot during her five years reporting from the air – she freelanced in front of the TV camera and guest-presented dozens of BBC shows until, in 2001, she was offered a staff contract and her own slot.

She said: "It was a magazine programme that reflected the people in Kent. If it was happening in Kent we would hopefully feature it on the radio. We covered all sorts of subjects during the years.

"I'll be continuing this sort of thing at KOS Media, across all Yourkenttv.co.uk channels. There is nothing like it at a regional level and it is definitely a forerunner of things to come. I'm sure others will follow what we're doing here.

"The people of Kent are passionate about what they do and we can provide a platform. I think Yourkenttv.co.uk can plug into that spirit in the county. There are so many stories to tell."



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Ladies, defy gravity and get fit with confidence

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

WOMEN looking to get in shape for the New Year have been urged to try a fitness craze sweeping the country – pole dancing.

The gravity-defying dancing has long been seen as seedy and sleazy through its connections with gentlemen's clubs and strip joints.

But it has now moved out of the shadows, and is being recognised as a performance art and a fitness favourite for thousands of women nationwide.

Pole dance fans include Kelly Brook, Teri Hatcher, Lindsay Lohan and Kate Hudson.

Performers say it is a great way to lose a few pounds and get fit for women who are bored with the gym and want a fun way of developing their body tone, confidence, suppleness and flexibility.

Pole dancing schools are cropping up across the county and the art is being taught at several leisure centres.

Emma Smith, 24, a pole dance instructor at Topnotch, said: "I have a fitness background so coming out of my comfort zone and moving into pole dancing three and a half years ago was a big step for me, at that time nowhere did any classes and I wanted to be challenged.

"Maidstone took to it really well – I went from just two classes at the beginning to seven a week, teaching five different group levels.

Challenge

"I've now taken my classes to Tunbridge Wells. People there aren't taking to it quite as well as Maidstone, they still see it as sleazy but I'm hoping to overcome that, they're a tougher bunch to crack but I want a challenge and to change people's perceptions of it."

This fun form of performing art is proven to build muscle tone and confidence, while producing bundles of giggles along the way.

"This class is by far the most rewarding I



SHAPE UP: Jo Roper shows how many of us could tone our body and improve confidence with the new fitness craze

teach, pole dancing is graceful and gymnastic.

"The results I have seen are amazing, some people have lost a lot of weight, others self esteem have shot up and it's helped people overcome back problems.

"It's really changed their lives," Miss Smith added.

Pole dancing is believed to have started in clubs in Canada in the late 1980s and only over the last two or three years has it been taken out of seedy strip joints and into dance studios.

Jo Roper, from The Goddess School of Pole Dancing, said: "I have women from 16 to 60 in my classes. Almost one in three girls has tried pole dancing and many have their own poles.

"I have girls who do business dinners, wedding parties and teach other women themselves. The demand wasn't there for pole dancing a few years ago, it is now."



BIG FAN: Kelly Brook keeps in shape by pole dancing

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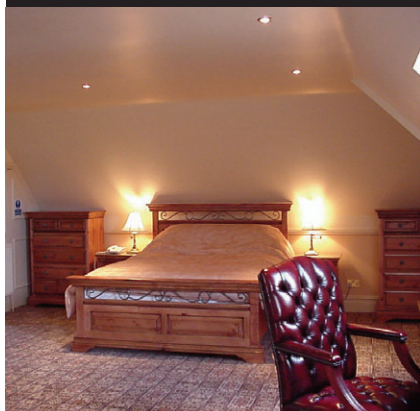
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Holocaust memorial day is a sharp reminder to all of us

ON Saturday, the world will again mark, via Holocaust Memorial Day, the discovery of Auschwitz, the first-known of the Nazis' death camps set up during World War Two, and the unimaginable suffering and horror that took place in all of them.

I have three reasons for attending the Holocaust memorials in Folkestone since their inception, any one of which would have 'qualified' me for them at the time.

Firstly, as a person with disabilities. This is where the Nazis started in 1938, by locking various groups of the disabled into bare rooms and then crudely using carbon monoxide gas from lorry exhausts to kill them. This was later developed in the camps with even more lethal gases.

Secondly, as a political activist, I would have been as opposed to the Nazi regime as I am to such far-right parties today.

Let's not forget that Hitler was basically voted in to power – due in part to social and econom-

ic factors at the time, but also perhaps because of a lack of credible opposition, along with international indifference.

Thirdly, as a gay man. Here, though, I have to admit a slight sense of shame as it was a gay man, Ernst Roehm, and his brigade who, basically by moderating Hitler's 'message', made the Nazis electable.

He and Hitler used the democratic system to get in to destroy it. Remember that when modern far-right parties claim to have changed!

Redemption on this, though, came in the form of Professor Alan Turing, who led the team at Bletchley Park that broke the Nazi Enigma code, so shortening the war by two years, according to Churchill.

Prof Turing went on to become the acknowledged 'father' of the modern computer age, inventing the microchip.

Many other groups of people suffered and died in the camps: Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses, Roma, Russians... indeed anyone who opposed the Nazis, or anyone they hated.

Some groups continued to suffer after the war – the Roma returned to further persecu-

tion in eastern Europe and gay people were sent back to ordinary prisons. It has taken until now for such groups to start winning more rights and recognition.

Finally, genocides have happened both before and since World War Two and this year sees HMD remember those in Darfur, alongside all those others who have suffered as a result of persecution for whatever reason.

I hope that people will attend the local commemoration so that we can all re-dedicate ourselves to campaign in whatever way we can to help end such inhuman behaviour.

Further, I urge people to visit the Holocaust and genocide exhibitions at the Imperial War Museum in London to help understand the true horror of such behaviour.

• The Folkestone commemoration is at Pent Valley school, Surrenden Road, Cheriton, on Monday, January 28 (5.45pm for 6pm start).

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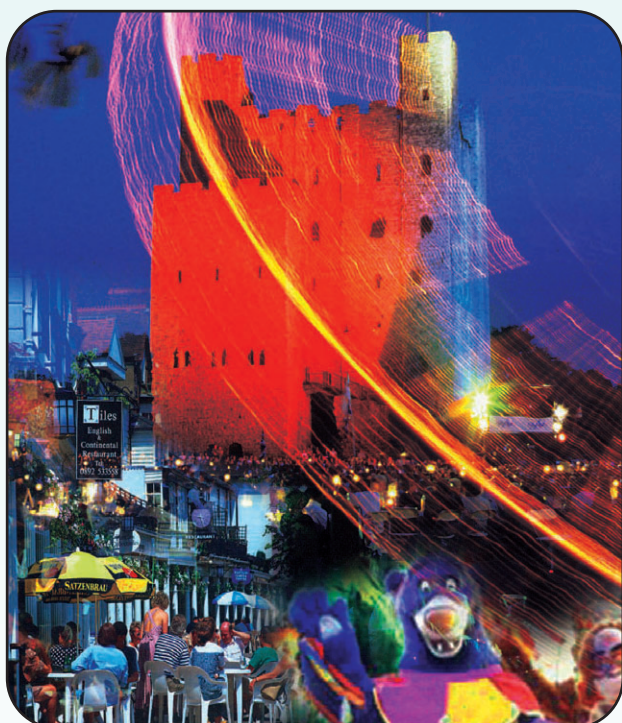
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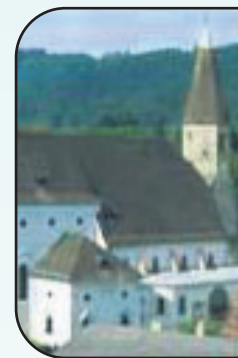
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CHILDREN IN NEED: Eleanor Meade is looking for people to look after and raise youngsters who have lost their parents

Could you provide a family and a future for foster children?

■ BY NICK AMES

FOSTER care agency Family Matters is on the lookout across Kent to find people who want to look after and raise children.

The Folkestone-based agency is run by husband and wife team Antony and Eleanor Meade and provides help and support to a network of carers.

Both part-time and full-time, the dedicated workers give their time and efforts to look after children who have lost their natural parents one way or another.

Mrs Meade explained she is looking for other people to take on the demanding but rewarding role in what is a business – but run like an extended family.

She said: "Family Matters says it all really – we offer support, training and expertise to our carers, who currently number around 30.

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"No carers or children are ever left alone."

The business was formed several years ago when Mr and Mrs Meade became concerned at the lack of support available to them in their own role as carers.

"Frankly what we were offered left a lot to be desired," said Eleanor. "Then a couple of

friends approached us and asked us if they could become carers as well. I almost said don't do it – but luckily stopped myself.

"It was then we decided to do the job ourselves.

"There are so many children out there who need this sort of help from people who will stick with them through thick and thin."

Now Family Matters is on a drive to recruit more carers across the county.

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"What we need is people who are enthusiastic, resolute and have lots of life experience. They also need to be both optimistic and flexible with their time and arrangements.

"We also require people who are prepared to work as part of a team.

"We welcome people from all walks of life, with all different views and beliefs. Anyone with any faith – or none at all for that matter is welcome to come alongside and work with us."

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Norfolkline and KOS Media are inviting all primary schools throughout the county to enter.

Entries can be sent in either as a school group, school children independently, but sent in with a counter signature by the form teacher. Three suggestions of names are permitted per entry.

There are no other restrictions and 'Name The Mascot' suggestions

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To accompany all entries, Norfolkline and KOS Media would also like to receive an illustration of the number one choice of name – or all three choices if preferred – along with a written description and the history/ thoughts that have gone into coming up with the idea for a mascot's name.

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TALK TIME

KEV HARRIS

Kev Harris is a DJ and promotions manager at Club Indigo in Folkestone. He tells us what he enjoys about the club scene



How did you become a DJ and promoter?

Like most DJs I spent many years playing music in my bedroom and what started as a hobby became a career driven by my passion for music. I began working at a club in Ashford and progressed through the scene working all over Kent. I began promoting venues alongside some of the top promoters and learnt the basic fundamentals. From there I took it upon myself and have continued to learn and grow as the industry does both musically and in all marketing aspects. As promotions manager for Club Indigo for over three years now I have seen it go from strength to strength. As many people will agree, I have had some great times at the venue, many of which I would never forget and I look forward to enjoying more.

What do you think of the club scene in Folkestone?

Clubbing in general is changing all the time and Folkestone's club scene is still energetic. With events such as Cream and headline DJs such as The Freemasons at the Leas Cliff Hall, we are hoping to draw people from all over the county and further putting Folkestone on the clubbing map. There are still many bars in Folkestone that are thriving on a weekend – these places scope all genres of music, which is excellent for the scene. Club Indigo, I feel, is still the heart of the clubbing network, which provides an excellent weekly experience.

What are you looking forward to in 2008?

For me personally to continue pushing my career in the right directions and meet some great people along the way. Continue my progress in the studio with music production and work with some high-profile people within the industry while continuing to push the clubbing scene in Folkestone and farther afield. I hope to spend more time with my family and friends, who I often miss when DJing in the clubs over the weekends.

YOUR LETTERS

Time to clean up the energy issue

The local Lib-Dem leader Lynne Beaumont is right to question the viability of any new nuclear stations, especially on the unresolved hazardous waste issue.

Even the waste management committee (CoRWM) said that its preference for deep burial of the existing material should not be a green light for new stations.

The Tories' Damian Collins merely echoes the feeble attacks on the 'greens' in the national press over the lights going out without nuclear. However, the fact is that with climate change worsening right now and fuel prices doing the same, we cannot wait until 2020, or more likely beyond, to waste time and money on more white elephants that would only reduce the UK's CO₂ emissions by about four per cent beyond that.

At Dungeness, the site is likely to face increased flooding problems due to the more severe storms that we have also seen recently; and due, albeit indirectly, to news such as the Antarctic ice sheet melting 75 times faster now than just 10 years ago. There are also threats from rising sea levels due to the same.

The fact is that it is both past and current politicians and businesses who have dragged their feet, especially in the UK, over introducing the necessary answers to the climate change, that of renewables technology.

Indeed baseload electricity supply can come from combined heat and power stations alongside wind and both home, and collector station, solar



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panels, all of which could probably be set up on the Marsh and surrounding areas. Fuel cell factories may also be viable; the very latest personal gadgets with them are due out at the

end of this year.

By adding to this building insulation and other ways of cutting consumption, any 'energy gap' could be filled well before 2020.

So let's not get stuck with more dangerous and centralised nuclear stations, or climate-damaging air travel via Lydd. Instead, get local people working and training in the clean, green industries of the future.

Ray Duff
Folkestone

No negativity in town's growth

It's good to read that Folkestone is now a university town and with all the improvements going on in the creative quarter our town will soon be one to really be reckoned with.

Let's hope the rebirth of Folkestone continues at this pace and we don't get any negative responses.

Neil Briers
Folkestone

Raver gets the cream at Leas

Great news for clubbing fans that Cream is coming to the Leas Cliff Hall. It's a venue that has a good record when it comes to rock bands – now here is something for us dance fans.

Roll on March, spring and music!

Francine Jones
Folkestone

Nothing ethical about the prices

Regarding last week's ethical buying blog – who cares?

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country that there is only one choice which needs to be made.

Buy whatever is cheapest. Anything else and it is just a smug pseudo-liberal, self-congratulatory pat on the back by people too wrapped up in their own righteousness.

Paul Perreat
Folkestone

It's only fair that trade is equal

Last week the paper carried an article from an anonymous blogger on ethical buying of substances and food and drink in supermarkets.

It is good to see that at long last people are taking issues such as this seriously and realising their choice of shopping at a local store can really make a difference.

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Nick James
Sandgate

Stop stubbing out life's pleasures

It is no surprise to me that the smoking ban is driving pubs out of business. Who wants to stand in the cold and rain every half-hour?

The implementation of the smoking ban has ruined a whole slice of this country's social life. OK, some people might live longer, but their pleasures in life just get fewer and fewer.

I shall be interested in how our

French neighbours respond to the smoking ban introduced over there from January 1.

I can't see them changing their way of life without protest. My guess is that they will just ignore the law as they always do with things that spoil their enjoyment of life. Good luck to them!

Theresa Syme
by email

MP on the road to the right agenda

Good for Gwyn Prosser to have road safety as part of his agenda. For too long the A258 has been the site of accidents waiting to happen and has indeed seen three deaths in recent years.

Something needs to be done about this road before more fatalities occur.

Pamela Boyles
Deal

Asda recognises nurses' hard work

This year, along with many of my Marie Curie nursing colleagues, I spent the festive period with a patient so that they could be at home with their family.

I am writing to say thank you to Asda for kindly donating 250 gifts – luxury bouquets of flowers and an Olay Complete Moisturiser – to nurses, like me, who gave up time with their own families so that someone with a terminal illness could spend their final Christmas at home.

Marie Curie nurses care for terminally ill patients 365 days a year – giving them the choice of staying where they feel most comfortable, surrounded by the people and things they love the most.

While it is an honour to share such a special time with patients, I thank Asda for recognising the difference it makes to patients and their families.

Linda Damon
Marie Curie nurse

At last putting our stamp on problem

At last some villagers are doing something about trying to save a post office.

Well done, Goodnestone – and well done to the paper's reporter for highlighting their fight!

This sort of campaign and its reporting needs to be fully recognised. An award for public service perhaps?

Ashley Bridge
Goodnestone

Building eccentric heritage list

The story about digital images recording our heritage sparked my interest and I wondered who decided which building was worthy of recognition.

Some are obvious, but others less so, and in such a list I enjoy a few eccentric choices.

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Great Scot, it's time to celebrate

Tune in to the Gaelic talents of Fred Morrison

CELEBRATE the life of Scotland's favourite son with a fun-packed Burns Night extravaganza.

Scots across the globe take time out to mark poet Robert Burns's presumed birthday, January 25, and the Trinity Theatre is offering a chance to celebrate in true Highland style.

Get the evening going with a whisky mac, glass of wine or soft drink, which is included in the ticket price, before the Royal Scottish Dance Society takes to the stage. Members of the Tunbridge Wells branch will be demonstrating the energetic and visually stunning dancing that makes such great entertainment.

There will be comedy from The Scottish Falsetto Sock Puppet Theatre, a hilarious show of sketches and songs from a double act that made a splash at last year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

A master of the Highland and border pipes will be showing off his extraordinary skills later in the evening. Fred Morrison, who also plays Irish uilleann pipes and low whistle, was named Instrumentalist of the Year at the Scots Trad Music Awards in 2004. His exuberant, improvisational style has earned him an international reputation for excellence, combining Gaelic piping with eclectic influences.

His sound has been described as "the nearest thing to jazz you'll hear in Scottish piping". He is an in-demand soloist, having supported bands like Runrig and Capercaillie, and he is a founder member of Gaelic group Ceolas. He joined Capercaillie for three years, during which time he played on and helped to write music for the film, Rob Roy.

Morrison's most recent activities include helping McCallum Bagpipes to develop a bellows blow pipe, which will carry his name.

These celebrations are held in the name of Scotland's national Bard,



GAEL FORCE: Instrumentalist Fred Morrison will entertain at the Burns Night festivities

Robert Burns. Born in Ayrshire in 1759, Burns was the eldest of seven children. As the son of a poor tenant farmer, he was expected to graft on the land, but his father insisted he should also have a good education.

A tutor was employed to teach Burns and his younger brother, Gilbert. As a result, Burns became well read and he wrote his first poem, My Handsome Nell, at the age of 15. It was mainly about his love of scotch and women, with writing being another way to escape his severe circumstances.

After the publication of his first poetry collection, he became a nation-

BURNS NIGHT SPECIAL
Saturday, January 26
Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells

al celebrity. But fame did not bring fortune and he took a job as an exciseman to pay the bills, while continuing to write.

Burns died of heart disease at the age of 37 and more than 10,000 people attended the burial.

Tickets to the festival cost £20. There will also be Scottish dancing workshops at 11am and noon on Saturday, costing £3 per person.

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ATHLETE

Sunday, February 3
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

ACCLAIMED band Athlete will be playing tracks from their new album in Folkestone next week.

Beyond The Neighbourhood was the culmination of nine months work in their own studio, which they built in south east London. The self-produced album, from which singles Tokyo and Hurricane were released, has been described by critics as "a huge leap forward".

Athlete arrived on the music scene six

years ago, their debut album earning a Mercury Prize nomination and selling more than 250,000 copies. Their first major single success came with the release of Wires in 2005, a moving ode to lead singer Joel Pott's prematurely born daughter. The song was a hit, reaching number 4 in the UK charts, and it was named Best Contemporary Song at the Ivor Novello Awards in 2006.

The new album features songs inspired by family and friends, environmental issues and social catastrophes.

Doors open at 7pm and tickets cost £16.50. To book, call the box office on 0870 4000 890 or see www.leascliffhall.co.uk.

WINTER TALES FESTIVAL OF STORIES

Friday and Saturday, February 1-2
The Guildhall, Sandwich

THE dynamic art of performance storytelling is the focus of this year's Winter Tales Festival of Stories.

Now in its third year, the

festival provides illumination in the season's dark days with fun events and activities. Two of the country's best known storytellers,

Hugh Lupton (pictured) and Nick Hennessey, will be performing a selection of short tales and songs to get the festival underway.

The show, which starts at 8pm on Friday, will culminate in their latest collaborative work, The Liberty Tree. It explores the English traditions of liberty and lawlessness and combines Hugh's hypnotic storytelling style with Nick's virtuoso harp playing. The show is recommended for people aged 12 and over. Tickets cost £5.

At 3pm on Saturday there will be a retelling of Beowulf, using shadows and song. There will be a Fools Lantern Parade through the town from 6.30pm, followed by the crowning of the King of Fools.

Masks for the parade can be prepared at free workshops this Saturday. For details call 01304 617335 or see www.theatreofthesmall.co.uk.

EBENEZER SCROOGE

Until Saturday, January 26
Temple Ewell, near Dover

THE festive season might be over, but there is still time to learn lessons in Dickens' classic tale of redemption.

Temple Ewell Players will be staging their production of Ebenezer Scrooge at the village hall this week. Starring Mike Luchford as Scrooge and Martin Ladbrook as Bob Cratchitt, the show features a cast of 25, including four new members.

Scrooge faces another Christmas Day alone with his bitter thoughts, but on Christmas Eve, the ghost of his former business partner warns him he will receive



three visitations that night. Can the spirits of Christmas past, present and future help Scrooge change his ways?

Performances start at 7.30pm daily, with a 2.30pm

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Solve a murder and have a good dinner too

AMATEUR sleuths are invited to solve a terrible murder in Sandgate on Wednesday, January 30.

A murder mystery evening, Thicker Than Water, will be held at The Sandgate Hotel, starting at 7.30pm. Guests will have the chance to investigate the crime and enjoy a two-course dinner.

Tickets cost £19.95 per person. For more information, call 01303 220444.

Come and view a film classic at the cinema

THE Lavender Hill Mob is the next movie to be shown at the Folkestone Classic Film Club.

Free tea, coffee and biscuits will be served at the screening, at the Silver Screen Cinema in Guildhall Street. It starts at 10.30am on Thursday.

Tickets cost £3 for members and £4.50 for visitors. Membership costs £8.

For more information about the club, call 01303 245812.

Get your body moving at salsa dance classes

DANCE your way to fitness and fun by joining a salsa class at the Marsh Academy Leisure Centre in New Romney.

Men and novices are particularly welcome, along with anyone who would like to begin or improve their skills. The hour-long classes are held at the centre in Station Road every Friday evening.

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America loves Dewey Cox, but behind the music is the up-and-down-up-and-down-again story of a musician whose songs would change a nation. On his rock'n'roll spiral, Cox sleeps with 411 women, marries three times, has 22 kids and 14 stepkids, stars in his own TV show, collects friends, and gets addicted to – and then kicks – every drug known to man. But despite it all he grows into a national icon and earns the love of a good woman.

This old man's feeling bright

BY ROBIN WALKER

TOMMY LEE JONES, like the screen characters he usually plays, is a brusque man of few words with a Texan drawl and old-school politeness. Don't expect him to bare his soul for publicity's sake and you'll get along just fine.

The part-Cherokee Texan of predominantly Welsh-extraction has made a career out of depicting stoic men as weathered as the lines on his face. His two latest roles are a case in point – a grizzled sheriff pining for the old days in Joel and Ethan Coen's *No Country For Old Men* and the anguished father of a casualty of the Iraq War in Paul Haggis's searing *In The Valley Of Elah*.

Both films slice into the dark underbelly of modern America. In *No Country For Old Men*, a psychopath (Javier Bardem) kills at random while drug gangs wage war as things get out of control in Texas.

Meanwhile, *In The Valley of Elah* deals with a grieving former military police investigator seeking the truth about his son's AWOL death. Best known for the *Men In Black* special effects blockbusters, Tommy Lee maintains he isn't making any personal political statements about the state of American society with his two latest projects.

"I don't consider my private feelings to be relevant in any way," he says. "I don't have any political statements to make other than what you can see or discern from looking at my work."

Nor should you read any underlying pessimism into the choice of films. "My world view is pretty bright. I enjoyed making those two films," he states.

No Country For Old Men is set in the

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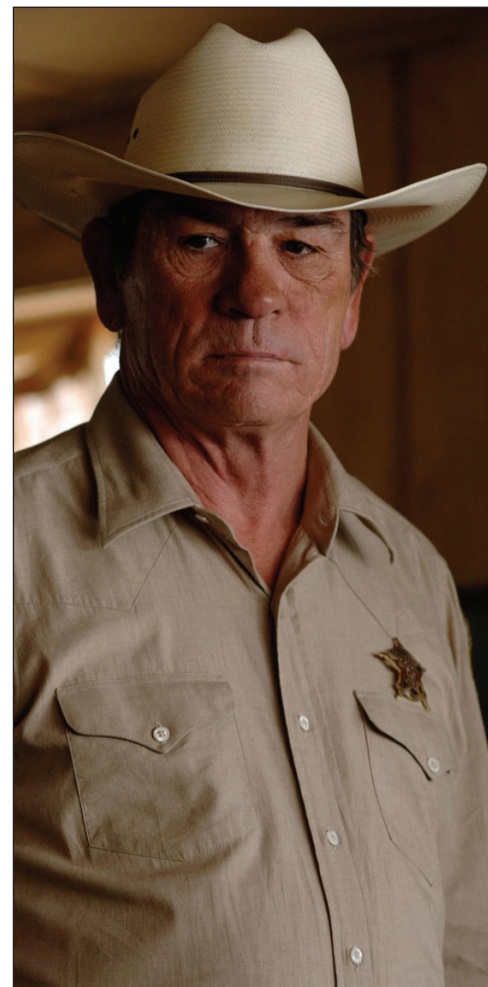
unforgiving Texas borderlands during the 80s, as drug money and armed gangs from Mexico began to tear hard-bitten communities apart at the seams. Tommy Lee's sheriff longs for a quieter time when the bad guys didn't have Uzis.

In *The Valley of Elah* is a jaundiced look at how President Bush's controversial invasion of Iraq has hurt many American families on a personal level.

The film is based on a real case in 2003 when Iraq war veteran Richard Davis was fatally stabbed. It highlights the violence that can follow servicemen home.

The nearest this tight-lipped star ever got to making a political stand was speaking up for his friend and former Harvard classmate Al Gore in 2000.

He studied English literature there before moving to New York in 1969 and falling into acting. Through stage, television and then



INTEGRITY: Tommy Lee Jones looks for good character

films he has built up a reputation for playing strong characters with deep emotion.

Married three times, and a father of two with second wife Kimberlea, these days he spends much of his time with third wife Dawn on his 3,000 acre ranch near San Antonio, Texas.

He likes to live close to his roots but isn't one of those stars who denigrates Hollywood: "I actually like the movie business and work at it all year round, as well as ranching. One is not an antidote to the other, more a complement to the other."

"You just look for good parts and good stories. Characters with no integrity are just as interesting as characters with lots of integrity."

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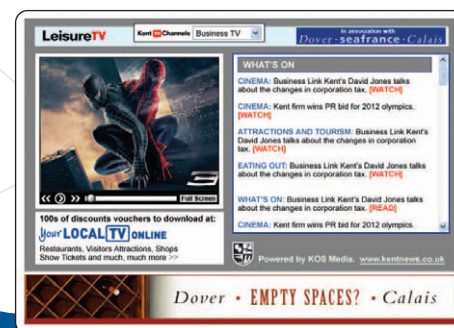
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Leap into an adventure

BY GINNY WARNER

WHIZZING through the tree-tops 100ft above ground wasn't quite how I'd expected to experience the lush beauty of St Lucia's rainforest.

"Come on, mum," said 16-year-old James, as I stood on the first zip-line platform with my knees knocking. "You can do it."

I stood nervously while the guides clipped my harness on to the twin cables, took up the sitting position as instructed... and stepped off, trying not to think about the huge drop below me.

There was a whoosh of air, a whizz of the zip-line, and I landed on the next platform within seconds, having not taken in any of my surroundings!

Having got one under my belt, I started to get the hang of it and enjoy it a bit more, although I still didn't see an awful lot of wildlife. I suspect most of it had been scared off by all the foreigners hurtling through the trees.

During the 30-minute journey to the Rainforest Canopy Adventure, our driver Neville had stopped to show us breadfruit and starfruit trees, mahogany, nutmeg and cinnamon trees, bamboo – which can grow 12 inches in a day – and of course bananas, the island's second biggest industry after tourism.

I'm relieved to say the second sightseeing trip we organised during our holiday, to the



STUNNING: Wherever you look, beautiful scenery surrounds you on the Caribbean island of St Lucia

island's former French capital, Soufriere, didn't involve re-enacting a Bushtucker Trial from I'm A Celebrity.

Our driver this time, Edmund, was happy to stop for us to take photos of places of interest en route, including two fishing villages, Laborie and Choiseul, and St Lucia's famous twin mountains, the Pitons, which are a World Heritage Site.

First we went to the Sulphur Springs – the world's only drive-in volcano. Part way in we

joined informative local expert Christina for a close-up look on foot and to 'enjoy' the delicate eggy aroma.

Edmund then took us to the Toraille waterfall for a refreshing dip before driving to the nearby Botanical Gardens and the Diamond Falls.

We ended our trip in Soufriere itself, whose impressive waterfront area was the setting for the film *Romancing The Stone*. Unfortunately we had to cut our visit short because of a tropical downpour. Well, it was still the rainy season and, after all, that's what makes this island – dubbed La Belle Helene – so green and lush.

In between trips we were happy to relax at our hotel, Coconut Bay Resort & Spa.

My teenagers spent hours in the pool, playing games such as volleyball with their new friends, or splashing about on the waterpark slides and in the 'lazy river'. They also worked their way through the menu of non-alcoholic cocktails at the swim-up bar and sampled the different burgers available from the beachside grill.

I relished the escape of the adults-only pool, where I could soak up the sun and read my book with only the sound of birds singing and the Atlantic waves breaking on the beach as background – rather than the music and happy holiday noises around the family pools.

At the end of the holiday the hotel's proximity to the airport was a bonus as we were able to stay by the pool to grab some final rays until just two hours before our flight home. It was hard to tear ourselves away and we hope to return soon.

FACT FILE: ST LUCIA

Time difference	UK -4 hours
Currency	East Caribbean \$5.33 to £1
Capital	Castries
Population	161,000
Language	English, French-based patois
Religion	Roman Catholic
Climate	Tropical

Holiday details

Ginny Warner was a guest of Coconut Bay Resort & Spa in St Lucia. Her stay was arranged by Virgin Holidays, which offers seven nights' all-inclusive at the resort from £899, including Virgin Atlantic flights ex-Gatwick to St Lucia and transfers. Prices per adult based on two adults travelling and sharing a room, for departures in 2008. Child prices for under-12s start from £199. Seven nights in St Lucia, flying from Manchester incl flights and transfers and accommodation on an all inclusive basis start from £999. Prices may be subject to increases in fuel surcharge or Air Passenger Duty. Virgin Holidays reservations: 0871 222 0304 or visit www.virginholidays.com.



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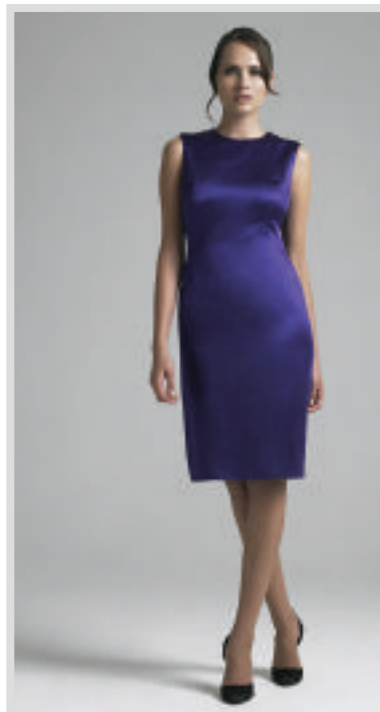
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Tarantino fans can get their hands on fifth film

THE fifth film from Quentin Tarantino is out on DVD.

Deathproof was one half of the Grindhouse double-bill that only received a limited release in the UK.

Deathproof is the story of an ex-stuntman, played by Kurt Russell, who stalks a group of college girls in a reinforced car that means he can survive crashes.

A special edition two-disc DVD is available from HMV for £10.99.

Join the family guy on a journey far, far away

THE Peter Griffin retelling of the Star Wars saga has been re-released as a special edition box set by HMV.

The limited-edition box set of the Family Guy Blue Harvest DVD comes with a pair of 3D glasses, a pack of trading cards, a 12-page booklet and a Family Guy Blue Harvest T-shirt.

The DVD also includes interviews with George Lucas and Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane, as well as the Family Guy episode North by North Quahog.

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Lose yourself exploring the island in videogame

FANS of hit TV show Lost will have the chance to explore the mysterious island for themselves with the forthcoming release of Lost: the videogame.

The player will take the role of a passenger of Oceanic flight 815 who survived the crash and finds himself on the island. Based on the popular TV show, the game incorporates familiar locations such as the beach camp and the hatch and features all the main characters.

Lost: The Videogame will be released on PC, PS3 and Xbox 360 in February.

Ultimate trilogy is now supremely cheap in shop

HMV is selling the box set of the Jason Bourne Trilogy at £17.99.

The three films, which revitalised the spy film genre and forced the reinvention of the Bond series, chronicle the discoveries of the amnesiac mystery man found floating in the Mediterranean.

The DVDs are packed with extras, including commentaries from directors Doug Liman and Paul Greengrass as well as making-of documentaries detailing the stories' transition from page to screen.

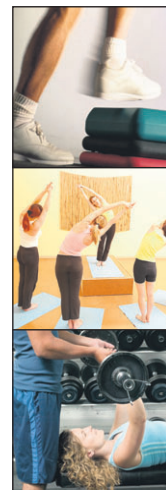
Latest shoot-em-up is yours to buy tomorrow

ULTRA-VIOLENT actioner Shoot-em-up is released on DVD on Monday, January 21.

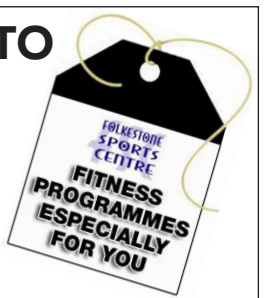
Staring Clive Owen, Paul Giamatti and Monica Bellucci, Shoot-em-up tells the tale of a gunman called Mr Smith who is left holding the baby after a shootout between a pregnant woman and a gang of murderous goons.

The film excels at extreme gunplay and the DVD contains a director's commentary, deleted scenes and a making-of documentary.

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PICK OF THE WEEKEND

BBC one

SATURDAY: MATCH OF THE DAY (10.25pm): As the football season heats up, Gary Lineker presents a round-up of all the day's Premier League matches.

SUNDAY: EASTENDERS (3.10pm): Catch up with the week's comings and goings in Albert Square in this afternoon's two-hour omnibus edition.

BBC TWO

SATURDAY: HANNAH AND HER SISTERS (11.30pm): Woody Allen, Mia Farrow and Michael Caine star in this Academy Award-winning film following three sisters living in New York and their relationships.

SUNDAY: AN OTTER IN THE FAMILY (5pm): Documentary following TV presenter Philippa Forrester and her partner after this adopted an otter club called Grace who needs to return to the wild.

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SATURDAY: HANNIBAL (10pm): Anthony Hopkins returns as Hannibal Lecter in a gruesome sequel to *Silence of the Lambs*. Julianne Moore takes over the role of FBI agent Clarice Starling.

SUNDAY: DANCING ON ICE (6pm): The stars return to the ice in an effort to get through week three of the contest and win your phone votes. Results show is at 8.30pm.

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SATURDAY: ER (8pm): It's another busy day in the emergency room of Chicago's County General as the team face treating two wounded police auxiliary officers.

SUNDAY: GORDON RAMSAY COOK-A-LONG LIVE (8pm): Another chance to see the celebrity chef encourage you to cook a three-course meal in just one hour.

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SATURDAY: ONLY THE LONELY (6.10pm): John Candy, Ally Sheedy and James Belushi star in a bittersweet tale of a cop trying to leave home and his strong-willed mother after falling in love.

SUNDAY: YOUNG GUNS II (6.50pm): Entertaining Wild West romp featuring the Eighties Brat Pack stars of Emilio Estevez, Kiefer Sutherland and Christian Slater as Billy the Kid and his gang of wanted men.

Kevin's out in the cold over his grand designs

■ BY GEMMA QUADE

"I'M bloody freezing on a building site in Kent, traipsing through mud," says Kevin McCloud, presenter of Channel 4's *Grand Designs*, when I ask him where he is during our phone conversation.

Not that he's complaining. The 48-year-old says he loves his job, despite enduring the cold and the damp on location.

When we speak, he is visiting a project that he hopes will be shown towards the end of the new series of *Grand Designs* which began its new run last week on Channel 4. He says hopes because the build is currently running horribly behind schedule.

"No doubt we'll be filming the final spools six days before transmission," Kevin groans good-naturally.

"It's a super-technology house where the building itself collects heat from the sun, stores it underground and air conditions the house. It's a prototype house and it's very exciting technology, plus it's green."

Other treats in store this series include a couple who have to build 60 per cent of their new house underground in order to keep within height restrictions in their Grade 2 listed area, a Gothic-style home in Monmouthshire and a beautiful stone building made of inter-linking decagons.

After 10 years of *Grand Designs*, Kevin is still excited by the show. To celebrate Channel 4's 25th anniversary last year, viewers were treated to a repeat of his favourite project, Ben Law's self-sufficient woodland home.

But what about the worst? Well, if any of you saw the last series, you will probably remember a pretty hideous houseboat in Kent, and



DEDICATED: Kevin McCloud travels all over the country to view the various projects he works on for the show

you may also recall that Kevin didn't hold back on his criticism of the project.

"It was actually a very good, watchable film, but a terrible piece of architecture," he says now with a grimace.

It's this sort of honesty that viewers enjoy about *Grand Designs* and Kevin's presenting. But he insists he gets no joy out of being derogatory about a project into which a contributor has put their life and soul, and all their money, and tries to avoid it at all costs.

"We've pretty well always chosen projects

that I like, because what's the point of making a film about something you don't like?" the father-of-four asks.

"It's all right if it takes a week to make the show, but the whole of my life is spent doing these things, and I'm damned if I'm going to find myself getting more and more depressed and negative about the world simply because of my day-to-day work. I want to do something positive and celebratory.

"We did experimentally take on projects I didn't like, to see whether or not that would have any value, and I can categorically say that it was a complete waste of time," he says. "Architecture affects other people, so we should be building good stuff and *Grand Designs* should be showing good, exemplary buildings," he continues, getting into his stride.

"It's a very negative experience to make programmes that are critical and cynical and that denigrate and it's very difficult when you build relationships with people to then stand in front of them and slag their project off. Ultimately you fall into the same trap that every other programme maker falls into. It's easy to be rude about things."

Kevin leads somewhat of a nomadic life. Projects that he visits can be anywhere from Aberdeen to the South Downs, so much of his life is spent travelling from one to the other. How do he and his family cope with that?

"The filming is inspiring, even in the rain and the wind, the mud and the cold. It's the travelling that's the killer.

"It interrupts my life. Not my family – my family, frankly, come first on the list. It's my social life – I don't have one! I see my kids, but I don't see anybody else, I just end up going to a pub by myself. It's pathetic."



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YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU have a choice between fulfilling selfish desires and working for a charitable cause. Choose the latter, even if it pains you to do so. A visionary like you needs to keep your eyes trained on some far away ideal. It's time to make a decision regarding a close relationship.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

LENDING money to a friend could lead to disaster. You don't want a petty thing like finance get in the way of a good relationship. A chance to broaden your horizons could put you in the path of romance. Alternately, you could have a chance to hone your artistic skills.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOUR insistence on having a good time could eat away at a close friendship. Lately, you haven't been there for a woman you've always admired and respected. It's not as though you're indifferent to her needs. Turn your back on selfish desires, even if it wrenches your heart to do so.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

LENDING money to a man who is down on his luck won't solve his problems. This person needs professional help you can't provide. A painful career matter could finally come to an end, giving you more time for domestic pursuits. You'll soon see this disappointment is a blessing.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

A RELATIVE could be making trouble for you at work. It's probably best to refuse this person's calls and emails, or your progress will be undermined. Friendship could turn to romance with very little encouragement. A glamorous work assignment is yours for the asking.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

RESIST the urge to push a loved one into going against their conscience or your relationship will be permanently strained. You could find a spacious, sunny place in a neighbourhood you've always wanted to live. Don't worry about finding the money to finance this purchase.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

THE temptation to lay the law down to a relative may be great. Unfortunately, forcing them to make a decision will reflect badly on you. Back off and let your loved one make up their own mind. Fortunately, a romance will distract you from this frustrating situation.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

STOP giving way to a bossy business or romantic partner or you'll start to resent them. You've always cherished your freedom. An exciting moneymaking opportunity will come your way. It will involve a great deal of responsibility, but the personal sacrifice will be worth it.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOU won't impress an expert with your rudimentary knowledge of their subject. It's better to listen and learn while you're in this person's presence. An authority figure will be grateful when you roll up your sleeves to do some grunt work. Take more time for chilling out.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOU won't be able to keep cool any longer with a colleague who continually takes advantage of you. You've got to put an end to this unbearable situation. If you're looking for love, you could find it at a bookstore, library, or stationery store. Keep your eye open for a well-educated executive.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IMPOSING your political or religious beliefs on a close friend is a mistake. You need to agree to disagree. Let your differences enhance your friendship, rather than rob it of joy. Spending time at home alone can bring the contentment you seek. When in doubt, turn inward.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

BEWARE of pushing yourself too hard. Treat your body like a temple, at least for this week. Going on a business trip or adding to your skills and qualifications will open new doors for you. If you're given an opportunity to do something new, grab it with both hands.

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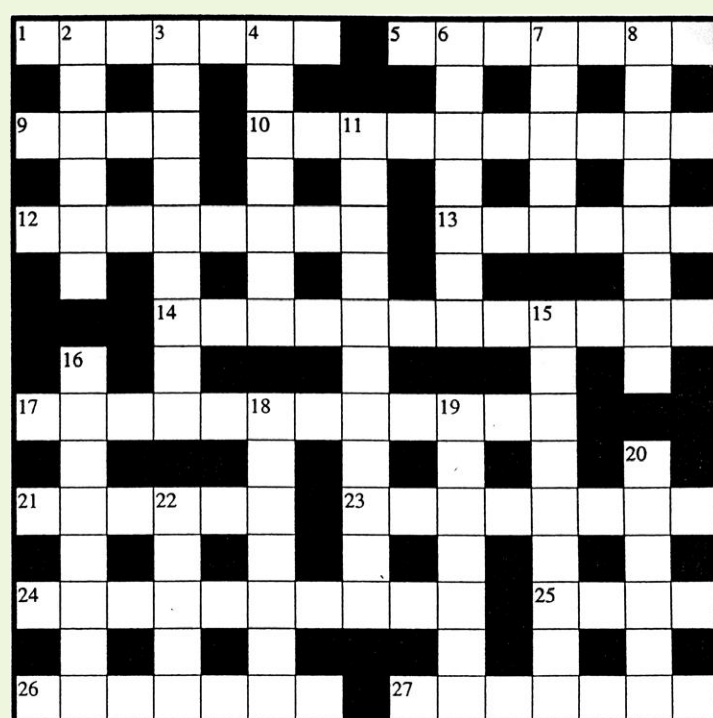
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10 Cause someone to be disappointed with song Denis composed first (10)
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13 Fix it firmly in some rancho readily (6)
14 What one might expect to earn from the firm (6,6)
17 How one in the driver's seat will control the horsepower (4,3,5)
21 Call in question removal of pop-gun (6)
23 Stuck in an area of hard water (8)
24 Tall serviceman? (4,6)
25 In fog it might be deposited on eastern edge first (4)
26 Lower in rank (7)
27 Little room with Stan performing - he's athletic (7)

DOWN

- 2 Stopping without starting and doing some gardening (6)
3 Gloomy journalists in action (9)
4 Wrecker having diluted concoction (7)
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7 It's to do with morals of some of the thickest! (5)
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16 Include many a broken promise (8)
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20 Problem in a rising hostility (6)
22 Gus heroically included the doorkeeper (5)

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QUICK CLUES

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5 Tummy (7)
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10 Habitual lewdness (10)
12 Male horse (8)
13 Treble (6)
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17 Tissue (12)
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DOWN

- 2 Meteor (anag.) (6)
3 Revealed (9)
4 Bluish-white element (7)
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS No19

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DOWN: 2 Toll 3 Romp 4 Shackle 5 Inertia 6 Lustful 7 Everything 8 Second-rate 12 Unhygienic 13 Attachment 17 Senator 18 Derange 19 Sternum 21 Vent 22 Isis.

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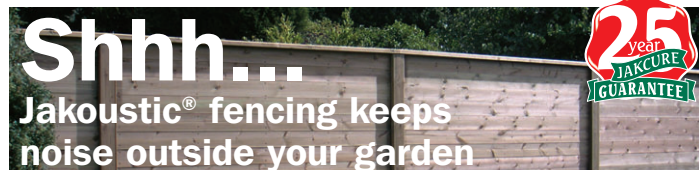
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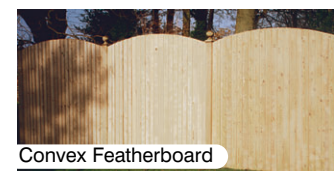
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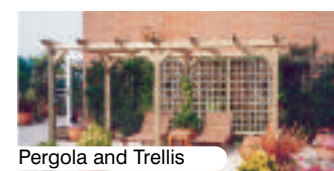
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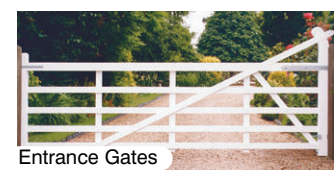
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WOMEN'S SPOTLIGHT

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Attractive female, 29, size 8-10, 5'8", long hair/blue eyes, enjoys gym, cinema, dancing, seeking honest, reliable male 27-38 with a GSOH, for friendship possible LTR. Box 410494 ☎

MISS THIS MISS OUT

Hi, I'm Lisa, 30, blonde hair, attractive, love country walks, restaurants, socialising, cosy nights in, if you like the sound, then get back to me! Box 435104 ☎

SEARCHING MR RIGHT

Lively, attractive female, 32, 5'5", looking to meet that someone special to share life, laughter and love. Box 429124 ☎

RAMSAGENT REVIVAL

Honest, single, outgoing female, 31, 5'11", loves to go out and stay in with good company, dvds etc, WLTm similar male, for friendship and more. Box 927816 ☎

LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 ☎

TRAVEL HAPPY

Medway female, 36, 5'8", blue/green eyes, slim, likes dancing, amateur dramatics, walks, much more, looking for someone who could make me laugh, for possible relationship Box 434372 ☎

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM LIFE?

36 year old female, divorced with no children, brunette, loves travel, music, cinema, nice meals, theatre, ceroc, salsa, seeking someone for dates and more. Rainham Box 434374 ☎

NICE SMILE???

Decent 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating & having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664 ☎

NEW TO THE AREA

Happy, bubbly, positive female, 37 years old, outgoing, loving, caring, loyal, quite spiritual, into dance music, trance, cooking, the countryside, looking for soul mate Box 433539 ☎

DON'T PASS ME BY

Cute, single mum of 4, 37, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983 ☎

NICE PERSONALITY

Large, bubbly lady, 37, 5'8", like country walks, seaside, bird watching, all music, looking for that special male for good times. Box 435619 ☎

PRETTY WOMAN WANTS HER RICHARD GERE

Hi I'm 37, 5'10", mousey long hair, grey eyes, N/S, large bubbly lady, love pubs, country walks, bird-watching, seeking kind, tactile, N/S gent, possibly romantic! Box 435674 ☎

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Hi, I'm Paula, 38, 5'2", with a good nature, looking for fun and someone to go out and have a laugh with. Box 435324 ☎

YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL

Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTm a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102 ☎

SAMTINES YOU NEED A MAN

Sammy, 40 (just!), single Mum of 4, independent, own house, hard-working, seeking loyal, happy-go-lucky (like me!), easygoing male for fun and maybe relationship. Box 435686 ☎

NEVER SAY NEVER

Decent 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating & having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664 ☎

NOT FOOTBALL CRAZY

Divorced, affectionate lady, 40, large build, 5'6", love staying in, cinema, looking for thoughtful male to share good things in life, leading to LTR. Box 430332 ☎

BRING ME SUNSHINE

Easygoing, GSOH, outgoing easygoing friendly single Mum, not much time for fun, enjoys films, music, motorbikes, history, visiting places of interest, spiritual places. Box 835333 ☎

SO MUCH TO GIVE...

One no one to give it to! Friendly, easygoing, big beautiful woman. Hard-working single mum Eastbourne area. Box 819714 ☎

HAPPY NATURE

42yr old outgoing female, 5'4", brown hair, green eyes, medium build, enjoy cinema, meals out, seeking a friendly male for nice times. Box 435451 ☎

TAKE A CHANCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 ☎

FOOTBALL FANATIC

Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5'11", likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 ☎

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTm N/S man to share things with. Box 429682 ☎

A FINE ROMANCE

Pleasant female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, wining, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071 ☎

WHERE R U?

Sincere, reliable woman, 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, community worker, loves horse riding, travelling, cooking, looking for my soul mate. Box 428689 ☎

DON'T KEEP ME HANGING

Genuine, caring, honest female, 41, 5'8", medium build, dark hair, blue-green eyes, N/S, likes night in/out, cinema, seeks honest male, for lasting love, Maidstone area. Box 803036 ☎

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE

Fun-loving, affectionate brunet, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378 ☎

NICE AND LOVING

40yr old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim/medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone Box 413448 ☎

TIME TO SETTLE DOWN

Romantic woman, 45, likes the good things in life, WLTm a special, good-looking man to complete the jigsaw. Box 434511 ☎

LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING NEW PEOPLE

45 year old female, has 2 dogs, works full time, likes horse riding, gardening, walks, socialising, enjoys eating out, cinema, good conversation Box 435464 ☎

BE ORIGINAL!

Sincerity, honesty, and intelligence, is that just too much to ask for? With a hint of cheekiness, I'm 46 from the Maidstone area. Box 156956 ☎

DON'T PASS ME BY

Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441 ☎

HAND IN HAND

Romantic female, 46, 5'2", blonde hair, blue eyes, likes walks on beach, theatre, music, seeking friendship/more, with someone, 45-55. Ashford. Box 435456 ☎

BOWL A MAIDSTONE OVER!

Kind, loving female, 44, blonde, 5'4", medium/curvy build, likes reading, live music, countryside, walks, seeks similar, adventurous male for happy times together. Kent. Box 805846 ☎

ON AN EVEN KEEL

Even-tempered, kind female, 45, 5'2", slim, green eyes, brown hair, likes cinema, restaurants, walking, animals, seeks confident, romantic male for fun and maybe more. Box 378907 ☎

STIMULATING COMPANY

Bubbly, caring, single mum, 46, WLTm nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829 ☎

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Honest, trustworthy female, 45, medium build, 5'6", divorced, tired of being alone, seeking man to share life with. Box 823528 ☎

EASYGOING NATURE

Slim divorced woman, 48, dark brown shoulder length hair, hazel eyes, 5'3". Seeks genuine, thoughtful male, 43-54, slim-medium build, about 5'10" or above. Box 897419 ☎

AM I THE 1?

48yr old, 5'5", dark hair, hazel eyes, likes dancing, music, cinema, days/nights out, would like to share some good times & fun. Box 910127 ☎

ALL THAT I NEED

Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833 ☎

SHE'S THE ONE!

Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5'12", dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests Box 435098 ☎

READY TO START AGAIN

Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTm compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992 ☎

BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD

Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909974 ☎

DIG DEEPER

Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441 ☎

FUNNY GIRL

Petite, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate, 40-55, for TLC. Kent. Box 835181 ☎

ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?

Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585 ☎

PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!

Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTm fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10"+, to share life. Box 165367 ☎

COUNTING ON YOU

Lonely, honest lady, 52, enjoys walks, cycling, travel, WLTm sociable gent to share interests and possibly leading to LTR. Box 399420 ☎

ARE WE SOUL MATES?

53yr old bubbly lady, 6ft, like meals out, staying in, looking for caring man to share life's ups & downs. Box 435768 ☎

SMART MOVE

Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship, hopefully more. Box 430854 ☎

STARTING OVER

Divorced lady, youthful 56, N/S, 5'3", green eyes, brown hair, medium build, GSOH, I like eating out, cinema, driving, music, holidays, seeking friendship, see what develops. Box 897592 ☎

I DREAM OF DOMESTICITY!

Attractive, homely, caring 55yr old lady, 5'2", slim/medium build, GSOH, good conversationalist, looking for special person to share life's ups and downs with. Faversham. Box 406928 ☎

A CHUCKLE & A CHORTLE

56yr old lady, well-built, 5'5", N/S, GSOH, funny nature, like films, theatre, eating out, WLTm N/S man, 56-60ish, to make her laugh again. Box 412127 ☎

SAVING ALL MY LOVE

Young, 57yr old modern female widow, slim, enjoys nights in/out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection/TLC. Box 920739 ☎

LIKE TO ENJOY LIFE

Happy-go-lucky female, 57, likes nice walks, pubs/clubs, nights in, loves children and animals, seeking an honest, caring man. Box 435308 ☎

LIKES THE NICE THINGS IN LIFE

Divorced female, 50s, 5'4", own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more Box 434901 ☎

DON'T PASS ME BY

Young 61 year old, 5'13, medium build, brown hair/eyes, very happy-go-lucky, likes dancing, music, eating in/out. I'm very adaptable, looking for a LTR. Margate Box 434424 ☎



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KEEPP DANCIN!

Brunette lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first, any age considered. Interests: dancing walking, socialising, cuddling! Margate. Box 432246 ☎

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

Widowed woman, 61, no ties, positive outlook, kind nature with GSOH, like the usual things and would like to find a male counterpart. Box 431210 ☎

NEW FOUNDATIONS

Solvent, cuddly female, 59, 5'1", love the countryside, foreign travel, seeks happy, solvent male, 50s-62, for affection and TLC. Box 394179 ☎

LOVE ME, LOVE MY DOG

Useful, intelligent, caring female, 62, young looking/acting, like walks, music, cooking, seeking sensitive, caring, uncomplicated male, N/S, perhaps a dog owner, for friendship first Box 434345 ☎

GENEROUS SPIRIT

62yr old petite, slim, blonde lady, 62, own home/car, GSOH, love classical music, dancing, holidays abroad, looking for a compatible, genuine gentleman for happiness. Box 435267 ☎

WISHFULLY YOURS

Romantic widow, 61 slim, young-at-heart, 5'6", green eyes/ GSOH, honest, caring, tactile, likes dancing, beach walks, most things, WLTm genuine male, 40-60, anywhere in Kent. Box 815960 ☎

CHOOSE LIFE

Young looking, active lady, 61, slim and attractive, 5'8", likes gardening, travelling, seeks honest, tactile gent for friendship and good times. Box 811985 ☎

Women

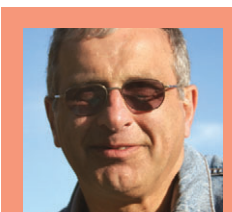
seeking women

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

Capricorn female, 48, 5'7", brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, caring, animal lover, into DIY, sports, reading, WLTm someone in Maidstone area Box 434547 ☎

DANCING IN THE STREET

Sociable Sagittarian, buxom 52 year old brunette, likes music, dancing, eating out, seeking like-minded buxom female, for fun and more Box 435191 ☎



MEN'S SPOTLIGHT

MEET AND MATCH AND MORE

Toby, 26, slim, muscular body, dark hair, green eyes, seeking any lady for fun, or even friendship/more. Box 435597 ☎

COUNTRY PLEASURES!

Young, adventurous, outgoing man, 32, enjoys outdoors, keeping fit and swimming, country walks, pubs, river walks and nights in, seeking a like-minded, cuddly female. Box 897215 ☎

THE GOOD LIFE

34yr old male-looking, shy at first male, 5'3", medium build, enjoy life to the full, seeking that special someone to share good moments with. Box 435061 ☎

WHAT AM I DOING THIS FOR?

Love! Separated dad, 35, seeks someone to share time with. Enjoys eating out, cinema, walking, looking for a special friend for companionship and hopefully more. Box 897276 ☎

FIRST-TIMER, BE GENTLE!

Attractive male, 37, medium build, enjoys countryside, travelling, children, animals & pubs, WLTm female 25-35 slim/medium build with similar interests for fun, friendship/serious relationship. Box 435731 ☎

BRING ME SUNSHINE

Friendly male, 36 years old, 6'12, dark hair, likes running. Divorced dad of 2, seeking someone special Box 434712 ☎

YOUR TIME IS COMING

Maidstone male, 35, dark blond hair, dark eyes, nice looking, have 1 little girl, own business, varied interests, looking for a fun lady, under 40 Box 429375 ☎

REAL MAN

39yr old honest, kind, caring male, blond hair, 6ft, like walks, cinema, nights in/out, enjoy family life, WLTm like-minded, genuine female. Box 430440 ☎

GET UP AND GO

Creative male, 35, 6ft, slim, dark hair/eyes, loves music, travel, history, socialising, cinema, reading etc, seeks laid back, slim, attractive female, 26-35. Whitstable. Box 380976 ☎

R U 4 ME?

Down to earth and loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company & conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917 ☎

BRIGHTER DAYS

Divorced male, 38, 5'11", blue eyes, no ties, likes motorsports, the gym, country pubs, wine bars, cycling, seeks spontaneous, fun woman for fun/laughter. Box 434217 ☎

FINGERS CROSSED

Young 38-year-old single dad of 2, in south-east Kent, seeking someone 35-50, for fun times. Box 435048 ☎

A CERTAIN SMILE

Peter, 38, 5'11", slim, enjoys music, cinema, dancing, restaurants, seeking loving female, for friendship leading to more. Chatham. Box 425364 ☎

DON'T DELAY, CALL TODAY

Attractive, independent, professional male, 40, OHAC, loves wining/dining, the sun, holidays, cinema, pubs occasionally, seeking a fun, sincere, loving female, to enjoy each other's company. Box 434103 ☎

OPEN ARMS

Attractive, mixed race male, 40, 5'10", likes chatting, nights in. Looking for female under 41, who lives in Medway boroughs, for relationship. Box 897308 ☎

TWO'S COMPANY

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Sounds like some good music

Wood works in musical creation

LUTHIER ALISTER ATKIN proves he can play guitar as well as make them in a short clip filmed at his workshop near Canterbury last week.

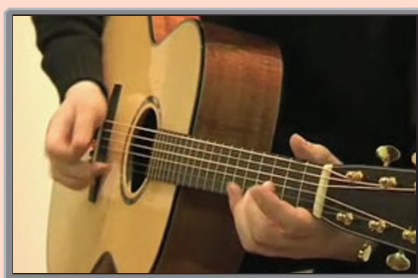
A longer video will appear on Yourkenttv in the not too distant future, detailing the fascinating and highly skilled process that turns raw sections of rosewood into an instrument of true beauty.

Alister plays guitar in the Fat River Band, a folk outfit who perform regularly around the county.

This week we also have music from cockney duo Chas & Dave, proving they've still got it to a packed house at the Tap'n'Tin in Chatham, when the pair perform their classic hit Gertcha for your listening pleasure.

Or if you prefer something a little heavier, you could take a look at Shameful Behavior being, well, shamefully entertaining.

LIVE AND LOUD



DEMONSTRATION: Maker of renowned Atkin guitars, Alister Atkins, from Hersden near Canterbury, plays one of his creations as part of a special documentary for Yourkenttv.co.uk.



IN CHURCH: LD Frazier, the New York Gospel singer, performs at The Canterbury Festival in October last year. He will be at Rainham Methodist Church on Saturday, February 2, at 7.30pm.



LIVE: Cockney duo Chas & Dave roll out their classic hit Gertcha at the Tap'n'Tin, Chatham. Watch the crowd go wild, and observe the unorthodox seating position favoured by Chas.

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EMPTY: Gravesend Rockers 6 Years Lost perform The Sky is Empty live at the Shrimpers Regatta on Gravesend Prom – on a rather wet and windy day. See www.sixyearslost.co.uk.



MOVING: All the way from Freetown in Sierra Leone, the Milton Margai School for the Blind create a breathtaking sound in Canterbury Cathedral as part of the Sing Freetown Tour.



ROCK ON: Big Hair, black and white make-up and chugging guitar. Yes, it's a rock band all right, namely Shameful Behaviour rocking out at the late, lamented Ashford Rocks.

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BIRTHS

ADAMS
Tommy-lee Adams born on 8th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Son to Graham and Tasha of Southborough, and a little brother for Jack.

ALEXANDER
Chloe Louise Alexander born on 29th December 2007, weighing 7lb 14oz. Daughter to Ben Alexander and Louise Homewood in Snodland. Thank you for making us both very happy!

BELL
Clive and Michelle are proud to announce the birth of their son Billy Connor Gerrard Bell, born on the 31st December 2007.

CHIBANDA
Emily and Tawanda are delighted to announce the birth of Gabriel Tawanda Brett Chibanda, our wonderful baby boy born on 21 December 2007 at QEQM Margate.

CLARKE
Phillip and Elizabeth of Aylesham are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Pauline Jeanette, on 2nd January 2007.

COINON
Emily and Stephane of Gravesend celebrate the birth of their daughter Charlotte Emily born on 5th January 2008. Baby sister to Anais.

COLLINS
Sarah and Tony are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Grace Eloise Joyce. Grandchild to Bill and Margaret Kipling and the late Patrick and Joyce Collins.

CRANDLEY
Alfred Charles weighing 9lb 5oz, born on 22nd December 2007 to proud parents Samantha Howland and Richard Crandley.

DOHERTY
James Cambell. Born on the 30th November 2007. Son of Julie Doherty. Little brother for Criston.

FORD
Joshua John Ford born on 8th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Son to Colin and Naomi Ford of Eythorne.

GAMLEN
Michelle and Kevin are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful twin girls Bethany Faye and Katie Elise, born on 2nd January 2008 at QEQM. Sisters to Amy, Zoe and Lauren.

GORBUTT
Christopher and Karen Gorbutt of Sevenoaks are proud to announce the birth of their son Charlie James Gorbutt, born 6th January 2008, weighing 9lb 3oz.

GRAY
Diana and Mark of Birchington are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Rihanna Alma Grace, born on Christmas Day 2007. The best present ever.

GUMBRILL
Lee and Katie of Faversham are very proud to announce the birth of their son, Lee Graham-John, on 5th January 2008. A new baby brother for Ella and Harrison.

HADLER
Scarlett born on the 1st January 2008, weighing 7lb 2oz. Daughter to Carl and NiKki Hadler in Dover.

HALL
Cameron Jack Robert Hall born on 7th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Son to Helen and Jay and brother to Alfie and Ashton in Ashford.

HINTON-BURT
Amanda and Stephen announce the birth of their son Jacob on 8th December 2007 weighing 7lb 4oz.

HUNSLEY
Ceri Adams and Anthony Hunsley celebrate the birth of their son Ryan James Hunsley on the 30th December 2007.

KEARNEY
Ellis Micheal born on the 12th December 2007, weighing 6lb 10oz. Son to Natasha and Myles Kearney in Dover.

KING
Karl and Lisa King of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Charlie Summer King on 25th December 2007.

McGREGOR
Niamh McGregor born on 1st January 2008 weighing 5lb 15oz. Daughter to Stuart and Emma in Swanscombe.

MITCHELL
Mark and Sharon of Tunbridge Wells are delighted to announce the birth of their son Harry James on 19th December 2007 weighing 6lb 14oz.

MULLIGAN
Isla Kate born on 23rd December 2007, weighing 7lb 6oz. Daughter to Peter and Hayley Mulligan of East Grinstead.

NEVIANI
Harley Neviani born on the 12th December 2007, weighing 5lb 7oz. Son to Charlene and Steve Neviani in Ashford. He is the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

REEVE
Stephen and Vanessa of Birchington celebrate the birth of their son Louis Stephen on 2nd January 2008, weighing 8lb 1oz. A welcome brother to Rebecca and Charlotte.

REEVES
Laura and Jason Reeves of Cranbrook celebrate the birth of their daughter Scarlet Hope on 31st December 2007.

ROWE
Michelle and Shane of Broadstairs are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Eden Ellen, born on 4th January 2008 at QEQM. Sister to David, Darren, Chelcie and Jack.

SPICER-HALE
Nick and Anita of Herne Bay are very proud to announce the birth of their son, James Nicholas Spicer-Hale, on 7th December 2007.

TOMPKINS
James and Sue of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Charley Emma-Anne Tompkins, on 9th December 2007.

TOSUNLAR
Jane and Fevzi Tosunlar celebrate the birth of their daughter Ruby on the 22nd December 2007.

TRINDER
Lisa and Mark of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Elliot Mark Trinder on 30th December 2007.

WHELAN
Helen and Philip of Margate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Luke Francis Barry, born on 15th December 2007 at QEQM.

DEATHS

BARCLAY
Michael David of Tonbridge passed away peacefully after a short illness on 15th January 2008. A loving husband, father and Grandfather (Pops) will be sadly missed. Family flowers only. All donations to MND. Enquiries to Boormans Funeral Directors at Tonbridge.

COCKSEGE
Tracey Cocksedge of High Halstow passed away peacefully after a long illness on 9th January 2008, aged 39. Funeral service at The Garden of England Crematorium, Bobbing, on 22nd January at 11am.

CUTTING
Ian Mark passed away suddenly on 31st December 2007 aged 47. A loved one is not gone, until they are forgotten! And to live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever. Greatly missed by his wife Fiona and beloved daughter Niamh.

DEVALL
May Ethel Devall of Hextable, formerly of Bermondsey, passed away peacefully on 10th January 2008, aged 93. All enquiries to Albins Funeral Directors of Bermondsey.

FRANKLIN
Carole Ann Franklin of Chart Sutton passed away peacefully on 8th January 2008 aged 62years. Funeral Service at 1.15pm at Vinters Crematorium Maidstone.

GAMBRELL
Esmie Doreen Gambrell died 16th December 2006. Last known address would have been Tickenhurst Farm Eastry near Sandwich. Contact Martin Watts at Brambledown, Lower Street, Tillmanstone, near Deal CT14 0JD.

GREEN
Elizabeth May died peacefully on 5th January 2008. Enquiries to Clare Savory Wallside House 12 Mount Ephraim Road Tunbridge Wells 01892 515121.

LEMAN
Alfred Leman of Ramsgate died peacefully on 4th January 2008. Funeral Service at Thanet Crematorium at 12.00pm on 25th January 2008. To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever.

LOVERING
Paul Alan of East Malling passed away on 9th January at the Heart of Kent Hospice. Enquiries to Viners of West Malling 01732 842485.

MORRIS
Harry Morris formerly of Northfleet passed away on 5th January 2008. Enquiries to A.W. Court, Grafty Green 01622 850840.

PIKE
It is with great sadness that we announce that George of Herne Bay passed away peacefully on 11th January 2008. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral details from A Welch and Sons of Herne Bay Flowers or Donations to League of friends Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital Herne Bay.

PIPE
Mona Agnes Pipe of Benover, Yalding, widow of Cable, died peacefully at home on 8th January 2008, aged 98.

TOMSETT
Derek Ivor Tomsett of Stockbury passed away peacefully at home on 30th December 2007, aged 82.

WEBB
The life of Harriet Jessie Webb beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother will be celebrated at St Albans Church, St Albans Road, Dartford at 11am Tuesday 29th January 2008. Flowers will be welcome for the decoration of the Church.



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PROPERTY NEWS

Greener housing is the way to go

ENERGY efficiency and the impact of the impending Energy Performance Certificates for rented accommodation as required by the EU is a hot topic in the world of property.

Is it worth investing in making improvements now, before this legislation is implemented next autumn?

Tina Nicholls, operations manager of Ashton Burkinshaw letting and property management agent, said: "New regulations already apply to HMOs (Houses in Multiple Occupancy) and we expect that by autumn 2008 all rental properties will need Energy Performance Certificates.

"So, if landlords are refurbishing or doing major works, they should consult their local building regulations officer with a view to making changes now."

Key points to bear in mind are: Cavity wall and loft insulation are cost-effective measures to improve energy efficiency.

If replacing a boiler over 15 years old, you need a high-efficiency condensing boiler, preferably linked to modern heating controls. A combi boiler saves space as well as energy. Finally, replace appliances with ones displaying the Energy Saving Recommended logo.

Ms Nicholls added: "Although energy efficiency is unlikely to be a priority for all tenants, escalating utility bills have raised awareness of running costs and tenants do sometimes ask to see previous heating bills, for example."

Price conundrum as polls all differ

POLLS concerning an upturn or downturn in the price of houses varied this month, due to the variety of sources they draw information from.

Rightmove and Home.co.uk are both based on asking prices, but their monthly inflation rates show prices moving in opposite directions.

Douglas McWilliams, chief executive of Centre for Economics and Business Research said: "The poll of all the different polls show house prices have now flattened. The economic news confirms the UK economy will, at best, slowdown in 2008 even if it avoids a recession."

"Most economic commentators think house prices will fall in 2008. Evidence suggests 2008 will be the worst year for house prices since 1995 when house prices fell by 1.7 per cent."



AT RISK: More than 100,000 homes are planned to be built in the South East over the next 10 years, but the wording of the Housing Bill could threaten the future of such proposals

Could new homes be coming under threat?

■ BY NICK AMES

MORE than 100,000 new homes scheduled to be built in the South East by 2020 are at risk because of poorly worded legislation which could lead to the effective nationalisation of independent housing associations.

The National Housing Federation is warning that the Housing Bill, which is currently going through parliament, would allow ministers to exert so much control over associations that they could be reclassified as public sector bodies – meaning they would no longer be able to lever in billions of pounds of private money to match public subsidy.

During the past two decades, housing associations have been able to raise more than £35bn of private finance to spend on new and

existing homes, in addition to the £30bn that ministers have invested in the sector – making its funding model one of the most successful public-private partnerships of all time.

But the level of state control set out in the bill is so great that the federation believes the Office for National Statistics could reclassify housing associations, which are classed as voluntary and community organisations, as public bodies when it compiles the Government's accounts.

Under the accounting rules, public bodies are not allowed to borrow money privately as this would count against the public debt.

The proposed move could threaten the 104,406 homes set to be built in the region over the next 12 years.

Federation chief executive David Orr said: "We are very supportive of the Government's commitment to tackle the nation's housing crisis, and housing associations are keen to do whatever they can to respond."

"However, we are shocked that the Housing Bill, as it is currently drafted, would create a real danger of associations effectively being nationalised."

"We feel certain that the threat to the independent status of housing associations must be the result of poor drafting and not the intention of the Government."

"Unless ministers amend the bill we are genuinely concerned that housing associations will be reclassified as part of the public sector, and therefore unable to continue with their tried-and-tested financial model – putting a major plank of the Government's housing delivery programme at risk."

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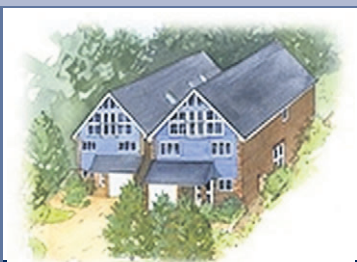
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JAGUAR has had a boost ahead of the launch of its spectacular XF replacement for the S-Type – the car arrives in the next few weeks with a What Car? Magazine 'Car of the Year' tag on it.

The new big cat beat 14 other category 'Oscar' winners at the 2008 awards to take the overall title.

What Car? editor, Steve Fowler, said: "The XF has it all – it looks fantastic and has a classy, futuristic interior that gives it a real sense of occasion.

"On top of that, it's great to drive, whatever mood you're in, and is a sound ownership proposition too."



Skoda loads up an insurance bargain

SKODAS Fabia Estate spin-off has put down a marker in the supermini load lugger sector by securing the cheapest insurance rating in the class.

The base model 1.2 (70bhp) version falls into the 2E band – the lowest of any supermini estate – while the highest is just 4E for flagship models.

The new estate is also better looking inside and out and more capacious than its predecessor, complementing a much improved overall Fabia line-up from the VW-owned Czech value brand.



Why MINI means more

MINI by name and 'mini' by nature it seems, for losing value – BMW's retro star was the UK's slowest depreciating car in 2007, according to Parker's Car Guides.

And the trend seems set to continue, it says, with hassle-free five and eight-year servicing deals, plus impressive fuel-saving technologies fitted on cars from autumn 2007.

The next best 'value miser' according to Parker's was the versatile Honda Jazz supermini holdall, with other front runners being: 3 – Perodua Kelisa, 4 – Citroen C1 and 5 – Perodua Myvi.



EXTRA INSURANCE: The Sportage not only has a new look, it also comes with the same revolutionary seven-year/100,000 mile warranty Kia first launched with the Ceed

Sportage comes with longer life guaranteed

MOTOR facelifts rarely raise an eyebrow or put anyone's nose out of joint, but the Kia Sportage makeover is worth a second look.

Not so much for the cosmetics – even squinting won't help you there – but more for what is hidden.

Because the Sportage is now guaranteed to be as rugged as it looks, with the same industry-leading seven-year/100,000-mile warranty Kia launched on its Ford Focus challenger, the Ceed.

This extra insurance has been made possible by transferring Sportage production from Kia's Korean home turf to the state-of-the-art Ceed plant in Slovakia.

Two more hidden changes should boost volumes too: the addition of a diesel automatic option and two-wheel-drive models.

Earlier attempts by others to push two-wheel drive sports utility vehicles (SUVs) met with little success, but the trend towards lower CO2 emissions and fuel consumption and a saving of at least £1,000 off purchase price, could draw people to the 2WD Sportage (from £14,000).

ROAD TEST KIA SPORTAGE

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

OK, there are subtle visual changes to the Sportage – body-colour bumpers as standard, larger door mirrors, new grille and headlamps and revised and more comfortable European-influenced seating – but I was also impressed with the dynamic improvements.

The Sportage always rode and handled well, but Kia has really tidied things up. Steering and braking efficiency is also better, while cabin refinement is much improved.

Perhaps most surprising though is the new-look Sportage's off-road clout in 4x4 trim. It is no Land Rover Freelander 2, but is priced from nearly 12 grand more than the Sportage and the diesel I tried had the measure of a muddy forest track and a foot deep stream – more than most owners would ever tackle.

As you would expect from Kia, standard kit is generous and includes air-con, six airbags, alloys and all-round electric windows and mirrors. The new flagship trim, Titan, includes electronic stability control, cruise control, leather seats, privacy glass, heated seats and an electric sunroof, yet starts at just £17,795.

Kia now reckons on a 30 per cent increase in Sportage volumes – I think that's guaranteed.



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MINI



NOT as compact or full of character as the original perhaps, but the MINI counters with sheer capability and design. Apart from the profile, BMW carried over the centre-mounted switches and speedo, plus customising the roof with a chequered flag or whatever takes your fancy. The handling embellishes the legend yet there is the practicality of the hatchback, the option of a diesel and, for the ultimate style statement, factory-built convertibles. A used Cooper is the best deal.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
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BEING the bargain candidate here should not detract from the smart challenging on the image front. With a distinctive two-tone five-door hatchback body, funky interior and well-sorted chassis, this is a practical yet equally eye-catching alternative to the MINI. The interior doesn't feel as upmarket, but forfour used prices are better since new production was halted prematurely due to poor profitability. Nothing much wrong with the car though – go for the lively, smooth and miserly diesel with manual box.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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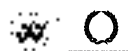
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If you would like to discuss this post please contact: TONI HOWES OR KAREN WILLOUGHBY ON 01227 454740

**Closing date: 25th January 2008
Interview date: 18th February 2008**

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Should you wish to discuss this role informally, please contact Tracey Tipping 01622 690944

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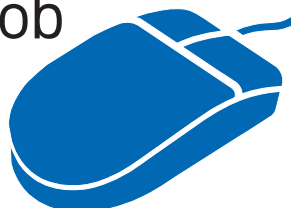
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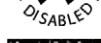
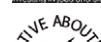
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FACULTY OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Faculty Quality Officer (0.5fte)

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Informal enquiries can be made to Dr Paul Dalton, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Dean of Arts & Humanities) on 01227 782965. Ref: FQO2/AH/77

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WELLBEING AND THE FAMILY

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Informal enquiries to Debra Teasdale, Head of Department of Health, Wellbeing and the Family on 01227 782519.

Programme Administrator

£15,743 to £17,152 per annum

Responsibilities will involve a broad range of administrative and secretarial work to support programmes within the Department, with particular emphasis on the Child Nursing and Midwifery programmes. The role includes supporting the Programme Directors, timetabling, maintenance of student and programme records, production of support materials and arranging meetings.

With a minimum of GCSE A-C English or equivalent and recent experience in office administration/secretarial work, you must be able to demonstrate excellent communication skills and use of word processing, database and spreadsheet skills. The ability to work accurately to deadlines and effectively under pressure is essential. Experience of QLS database management would be advantageous, as would experience in higher education or the health service. Ref: PA1/HWF/77.

LEARNING AND TEACHING ENHANCEMENT UNIT (LTEU)

Faculty Learning Technologist

£27,466 to £29,139 per annum

Working within the LTEU you will support the use of ICT in learning and teaching through providing advice, consultancy and technical assistance with implementing new developments in learning and teaching.

With significant experience of supporting staff in developing their use of learning technology, you will be competent across a range of computer applications and educational technologies, and demonstrate an imaginative grasp of their application in an educational context. You are likely to have a background in education or training.

Working as part of a team you will need to possess excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work to rigorous standards within demanding deadlines. Ref: FLT3/LT/77.

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As an experienced SQL Developer working in the newly established Information Systems Development group within Corporate Information Systems, you will be making a significant contribution to the University's Information System Development programme and the development of the University's management information systems.

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For an informal discussion please contact Louise Sibley on 01227 782522.

Interview date: 12 February 2008.

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COMPUTING SERVICES

Testing Administrator (Part time) (Fixed Term until 31 July 2009)

£13,739 to £15,300 per annum pro rata

Working in the Department's computer-based testing lab your duties will include the administration of candidates, invigilating exams in accordance with documented procedures, dealing with any problems and answering enquiries.

You will have good intermediate-level computing experience, patience and an eye for detail; experience in dealing with people of all ages and in sometimes difficult situations is essential, as is reliability and some flexibility as to working hours. A gentle sense of humour and a calm personality are a distinct advantage. The post is for an average of 18 hours a week across the year, up to a maximum of 27 hours a week in October and November; the centre is open afternoons and evenings, midweek. Ref: TA2/CS/77.

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ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Senior Lecturer in Speech & Language Therapy (0.5fte)

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For informal discussion, please contact Professor Kate Springett, Head of Department, on 01227 782935 or kate.springett@canterbury.ac.uk, or Marian McCormick on 01634 894432 or marian.mccormick@canterbury.ac.uk

BROADSTAIRS CAMPUS

ACCOMMODATION OFFICE

Housing Officer (21 hours)

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Why bosses are driven to be liable

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A RADICAL new act which holds businesses liable for crashes caused by its drivers will be introduced later this year.

The Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act will hold companies responsible if their employees are involved in a fatal car crash – leaving them open to prosecution.

Under the new legislation any organisation will be guilty of corporate manslaughter if serious failures in their management of health and safety procedures can be directly linked to the accident.

Breaches will be punished with a limitless fine, with the fee depending on the level of the negligence.

A seminar discussing the full implications of the act, which comes into force on Sunday, April 6, and covers all areas of health and safety, was held at the Kent Police Lecture Theatre in Maidstone last week.

More than 100 company bosses attended, hearing from experts in the field on how they can take the necessary steps to ensure their businesses do not fall foul of the new legislation.

Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership communication manager Rachel Wall said: "One in three crashes on the road involves a vehicle being used for business purposes."

"The new act means companies really

need to get their house in order and make sure employees are driving responsibly on our roads.

"It is not enough to just have a health and safety policy to tick a box. Organisations must now be able to prove these policies are being monitored on a daily basis and if they are not they may find themselves in court."

A video clip of the seminar can be seen on our website at www.yourkenttv.co.uk.



NO ACCIDENT: Companies need to take responsibility for the driving of their employees or they could find themselves guilty of corporate manslaughter under the new act

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Supply routes under strain from extra traffic

THE Freight Transport Association says latest Government figures showing an increase in traffic confirms its research forecasting unacceptable congestion on the UK's primary trade routes.

The FTA, based in Tunbridge Wells, says the Government must take urgent steps to provide more capacity by widening motorways and building new roads, because failure to do so will place massive burdens on the UK supply chain.

FTA's director of external affairs Geoff Dossetter said: "Our concern is that growth in car traffic on key trade routes will severely inhibit supply chain efficiency, increasing costs and reducing service levels."

Rules are taxing assets

NEW tax rules likely to be introduced in April may leave Kent business owners short changed if they want to sell assets or shares, according to local company commercial lawyer Susan Jennings.

She says: "At the moment, the sale of shares can attract capital gains tax at ten per cent if held long enough, but this is set to rise to 18 per cent from April."

Business owners can phone Susan Jennings on 01634 887334 or email saj@furllypage.co.uk.



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New signing opens account

DEAL Town secured a 3-1 victory against Erith & Belvedere to record the club's sixth league win of the season.

Deal started the match in the best possible way, by taking the lead on ten minutes with a goal from new signing Roy Godden.

Erith & Belvedere levelled the scores at half-time with a goal on 34 minutes. Shortly after the break, Marc Pollard broke through the defence to fire Deal into the lead for the second time.

Town sealed the victory with a third goal in the last minute of the match.

The win moves Deal into tenth in the Kent Premier League.

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Gills manager Mark Stimson talks about his top three transfer targets

Your chance to be like Tiger

AMATEUR golfers will have a chance of testing their swing on this year's Open Championship after the launch of the People's Open Golf Tournament.

The final of the People's Open Golf Tournament – which will be an annual event for amateur club golfers based on the same format faced by the sport's top stars – will take place a month after the Open Championship at Royal Birkdale, following a series of regional and final qualifying tournaments around the UK in May and June.

One of the tournament's qualifying events will take place at Tudor Park Golf Club in Maidstone on May 28. During the regional events, competitors, male and female, will each play in a three-ball from the same tee.

The top scorers from all the regional qualifying rounds will progress to a final week of qualifying at courses around the Southport area.

Entry is £75 per player. For more details see www.pogt.co.uk.



SHOCK DEFEAT: John Keister's red card ended Dover's hopes of victory as heroics from Chatham saw them produce another shock result against the high-flying Whites

Lights out on Dover's promotion charge

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Chatham Town 3 Dover Athletic 1

efforts, Chatham took the lead into the break.

Five minutes after the break, Cloke got Dover back on level terms by heading Frannie Collin's cross past Whitehouse. However, as Dover tried to find a second goal, Chatham capitalised on a defensive error by Laurence Ball. The error let Chatham in behind the defence and Ruddy was caught in no-man's land as the ball was chipped over him and into the net.

To compound their woes, Dover were reduced to ten men with the sending off of John Keister for a kick on goalkeeper Whitehouse. The goalkeeper was substituted and minutes later Chatham sealed the victory with a counter attack resulting in a cool finish past Ruddy.

Two minutes before the final whistle the game was abandoned for a partial floodlight failure. The defeat has kept Dover in second position in the Ryman Division One South. Hessenthaler will hope his sides' finishing will improve quickly.

Hessenthaler said: "Not being clinical in front of goal has been our problem. We have had three draws and a loss, in all the games we have created enough chances. All the games at the moment are key it doesn't matter who we are playing. Chatham are the only team that have beaten us this season and the defeat earlier in the year does stick in my memory. We really need to get a win under our belts and build the momentum again."

Dover have also been hit by the bad news that the injury to central defender Craig Wilkins is worse than first feared. He said: "We will be without Craig Wilkins for more than four weeks and his knee injury is more serious than we thought. He has had keyhole surgery on it."



BIG GAME: Dover's win will give them confidence against league leaders Gravesend

Sharks have Gravesend in their sights

RUGBY

Old Dunstonians 0 Dover 31

A CRUSHING win at Old Dunstonians has set up a mouth watering clash with league leaders Gravesend on Saturday.

Dover have been the surprise package in London South East Three and they continue to bulldoze their way through the league as they look for back-to-back promotions.

The win at the weekend continued their excellent run, which has left them as the only possible side in the division that can catch leaders Gravesend.

The club has won six games in a row to take them to second position in the league, only three points behind Kent rivals and the division's leaders, Gravesend.

The league leaders lay in wait for Dover on Saturday, with the result sure to determine who will be champions come the end of the season.

A win for Dover would see them move to within a point of Gravesend, but a win for the table toppers would extend their lead to five points and could effectively ensure they win the league.

Dover rugby coach Graham Tonks said: "It was a good result on Saturday, especially with our

rivals chasing us having their games cancelled.

"The win gives us some breathing space between teams like Lordswood, so we can now just go out and focus on catching Gravesend.

"We will need to produce a very good performance against them next week.

"We are at home, so I would hope the fans can help carry the team onwards and that should be a massive advantage for us.

"If we want to have any chance of winning the league this year we will have to beat Gravesend. It is that simple. They are a very good side and it will be a tough game for the team, but we go into the game with confidence."

Cugley revels in dramatic victory

FOOTBALL

BY YOURSHEPWAYREPORTER

Folkestone Invicta 3 AFC Wimbledon 2

FOLKESTONE Invicta took a huge step away from trouble at the bottom of the Ryman Premier League with a deserved victory against the league's biggest team.

The feelgood factor was back at the Buzzlines Stadium as Invicta enjoyed a win in front of a season's best crowd of 924 for the visit of the league's most high-profile side.

Captain Kevin Watson struck twice from outside the penalty area either side of a Tom Bryant header, with all of the game's goals coming during the second half.

AFC Wimbledon pulled a goal back after 62 minutes when Steve Ferguson slotted the ball into the net from the right hand side of the penalty area.

The Dons reduced the arrears in stoppage time when former Tonbridge Angels striker Jon Main headed in from close range after Marcus Gayle had played the ball in from the left again.

Folkestone boss Neil Cugley said: "The victory is our best result of the league campaign so far. We played very well and it was a well-deserved victory. I would say we outplayed them, but I thought we looked very strong in all areas of the pitch."

Invicta included loan signings Tom Bryant and Marvin Hamilton from Gillingham and both had an impact on the game.

Cugley said: "Having Bryant back has been great. He is a defender with lots of potential and his goal was brilliant. Hamilton looked very promising, despite this being his first competitive football match for three months."

"We are now four games unbeaten at home which is great and the win has helped us rise away from the dreaded relegation zone."



ON THE UP: Invicta moved clear of the relegation zone after a morale-boosting win against high-profile AFC Wimbledon

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Waterlogged pitch puts paid to Lions' hopes

DEAL and Betteshanger's clash with Eastbourne was postponed due to a waterlogged Drill Field pitch.

Although the Lions are effectively out of the race for promotion, a win would have given them a chance to close the gap on third-placed Lordswood.

They will hope the weather holds out on Saturday for their clash with Lordswood. A win for either side could see them gain some ground on runaway leaders Dover and Gravesend.

Defeated ladies looking to get back on track

DEAL Ladies hockey team have slipped to fifth in the Kent Outdoor Division 2 after being thrashed 5-0 by Sevenoaks.

The ladies were unable to stop a strong team performance by fourth-placed Sevenoaks and the result has increased the gap at the top of the league to five points.

Yvette Ilsley's side hope to get their season back on track when they face Tunbridge Wells this Saturday. In their previous meeting this season, Deal put four past Tunbridge in a 4-2 win.

Rain halts Folkestone's promotion chances

THE bad weather put paid to Folkestone RFC's match against fourth-placed Crowborough at the weekend.

They will be back in action this Saturday when they take on Hastings & Bexhill at home. Folkestone are still looking for their first win of the year. They will hope the two points up for grabs this weekend will boost their league campaign.

Hastings & Bexhill are on the same points as Folkestone and a win could move them up one place to sixth in London South East 4.

Diamonds teach Seamen a lesson or two in league

BOARS Head Diamonds thrashed Seaman's Mission 9-0 to maintain their unbeaten run in the Dover Darts Invitational League.

The Diamonds have now won all 16 of their matches in the league so far this season. Second-placed Bull A kept the pressure on the leaders with a 9-0 win against Archer. They are just two points behind Boars Head diamonds after the victory.

Three Cups are the new holders of third place in the league after their 7-2 win against Phoenix A.

Magnificent seven for Hythe

Picture: GOR KUPCO



IN THE HUNT: Hythe Town put seven past Slade Green to keep near the top

HYPHE Town were in seventh heaven after hammering hapless Slade Green at the Reachfields.

Paul Fisk's side motored into a 5-0 half-time lead thanks to a brace from the prolific Buster Smissen and goals apiece from Pat Kingwell, Dale Skelton and an own goal from Green's Sam Taylor.

In the second period, Javelle Stuart reduced the arrears for Slade Green before James Gregory and Marcus Hodges completed the rout.

The win moves Hythe up to fourth in the Kent Premier Division, which keeps them in touching distance of the top three.

A delighted Fisk said after the game: "It was a good result, we keep beating teams by scoring a number of goals so it is not case of just being lucky."

"We have had a few tough games recently. It was great to get a win especially with the manner we achieved it."

"When you go in at half time with the score 5-0 it is sometimes very

FOOTBALL

Hythe Town 7 Slade Green 1

hard to get the players up for the second half."

Smissen scored another two goals to take his tally to the season to 25 in the league. Fisk said the striker is going all out to claim the golden boot.

He said: "It was good to see Buster score another couple of goals. I was hoping he could finish the day with a hat-trick but it wasn't to be. The goals will help him in his aim to clinch the golden boot award."

"We are not too far away from top three places in the league now. We have three games in hand so if we can win those we are certainly title contenders."

"I hope I can get the players to relax and not feel the pressure of gunning down the league leaders."

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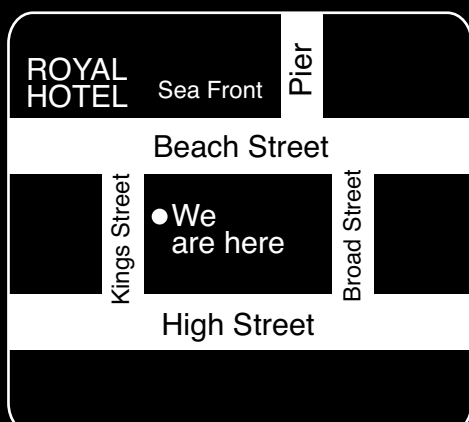
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